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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Congressman Rabaut of Michigan telephoned me and wanted to know if the Bureau has received any report of the bombing of the Shrine of the Little Flower. The Shrine of the Little Flower, you know, is the church over which Father Coughlin presides. Congressman Rabaut said that this information was just broadcasted over a radio news broadcast, the information being that the Shrine was bombed from the air with considerable damage.

I told him that this matter has not been reported to the Bureau, and while we would be unable to conduct any investigation, we were glad to know about it.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

The attached book entitled "Money!" (Questions and Answers) by the Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, was received this morning.

It concerns the writer's principles regarding banking and money problems. It has not been reviewed as I thought you might be desirous of receiving it immediately.

Respectfully,

R. E. Joseph
R. E. Joseph.

Enclosure.

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BY SP5 R.T.C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Confirming my conversation with you of yesterday afternoon, during the course of the visit to my office yesterday, General Snedley Butler informed me that about a year ago he received a long distance telephone call from Father Coughlin. He stated that this call came to him at his home in Pennsylvania; that it was in the evening and he had a number of friends with him for dinner, one of whom was the Editor of a Philadelphia newspaper, which I understood General Butler to say was the Philadelphia Inquirer. General Butler stated that Father Coughlin addressed him over the telephone quite familiarly, calling him for the first time, "Snedley." Father Coughlin asked him whether he, General Butler, would be willing to head an armed force of men who he, Father Coughlin, proposed would proceed to Mexico and overthrow the Mexican Government. Father Coughlin stated that the Government in Mexico had been attacking the Catholic Church and was strongly Communistic, and he, Father Coughlin, had the men and the guns with which to effect the overthrow of the Mexican Government, but that he needed a man who knew military tactics to head this expedition and wanted General Butler to assume this job.

General Butler stated that he informed Father Coughlin that he, General Butler, was a retired Marine Corps Officer, and as such was an Officer of the Government and that he could have no part in such a movement as Father Coughlin suggested. General Butler further stated that he said to Father Coughlin that if such a movement was initiated the President of the United States would call out the standing army to prevent them from getting very far in such an expedition. Father Coughlin's reply was that they need not worry about President Roosevelt, because "they would take care of him on the way down."

General Butler informed me that he had his friends who were at his house on this evening to listen in on this phone conversation from an extension telephone on the second floor of his residence. General Butler stated he recognized Father Coughlin's voice, and that following the call he had the call traced and it was found that it had been placed from The Shrine of the Little Flower, at Detroit, Michigan. General Butler stated further that he had his friends make sworn statements following this incident in order that he might have their statements as a matter of record.

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General Butler also added that during the course of the conversation some reference was made by Father Coughlin to his desire to talk with General Butler in New York the following week, and that subsequent to the phone conversation, the next day or two thereafter, General Butler received a telegram from Father Coughlin, informing him, General Butler, that he would be unable to keep the appointment which he had tentatively made with General Butler in New York. General Butler stated that he had this telegram which he considered to corroborate the conversation he referred to having taken place.

General Butler stated that following this conversation with Father Coughlin he discussed with his friends who were his guests on the evening it occurred, as to what action he, General Butler, should take and he stated it was the consensus of opinion that he should do nothing at that time, but wait to see what further developments took place and try to get some further information or corroboration. Consequently, General Butler did not take any further action in this matter at that time.

Reverend J. P. Butler

General Butler stated that about a week or ten days ago a member of the Pennsylvania Committee for the Union of Social Justice, which is the organization that Father Coughlin heads, had come to see him to inquire if Father Coughlin had made any proposition to him to lead an armed force against Mexico. This man told General Butler that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Union of Social Justice several weeks ago one of the members of the same stated that he had heard that such an offer had been made to General Butler by Father Coughlin and that if such was the fact it was improper and that if the story was not true, it should certainly be denied. The member of the Committee who went to see General Butler stated that following this meeting of the Executive Committee he went to Detroit and saw Father Coughlin and asked him relative to this incident. Father Coughlin did not make any denial of the incident, but suggested that he, the man, call upon General Butler and ascertain what General Butler had to say about it. The evasiveness of Father Coughlin created some suspicion in this man's mind and he consequently called upon General Butler, who told him the facts as he, General Butler, knew them.

General Butler stated that he had been very much worried about this incident but that he was not inclined to report it to his superior officer, namely, the Commanding General of the Marine Corps, or to the President, because he thought that, first, it might be considered a political move upon his part as he realized that the expose of such a

story at this time might have political repercussions, and secondly, many persons might think that he, General Butler, was a fool and that the incident had not occurred. I informed General Butler that I thought it was a matter which he certainly should reduce to writing and submit the same in memorandum form to the Major General of the Marine Corps since General Butler, was retired, as a Marine Officer. General Butler stated he was undecided as to what he should do about it as it worried him considerably, but he thought that the best thing for him to do at the present time was to take no action as any action he might take would be misconstrued. I pointed out to General Butler that his remaining silent might later be misconstrued if the story became known publicly in that he would then be criticized for having not reported it to the proper authorities.

In the course of the conversation General Butler stated that he had learned from some ex-marine of a theft of one hundred Browning automatic rifles from the Maritan Arsenal in New Jersey, which had been hidden on the estate of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., in New Jersey. He stated that Mr. Rockefeller knew nothing about this, of course, as his estate was quite large and it was believed by the persons responsible for the theft that it would be an ideal place to hide these weapons. General Butler stated he corroborated this report which had been made to him in conversation with the Quartermaster of one of the arsenals, who corroborated the theft of the one hundred Browning automatic rifles and informed General Butler there had been a loss of fifteen automatic rifles from his arsenal. General Butler stated that of course he did not know these guns bore any relationship to the statement of Father Coughlin that he had the men and the arms with which to start on an expedition against Mexico, but he considered it at least significant.

Present during my conversation with General Butler was a personal friend of General Butler, a lady, as well as T. W. Dawsey, one of the supervisors attached to my office in the Bureau. Following my conversation with General Butler he went on a tour of the Bureau with Mr. Dawsey and the lady, and I had occasion to see you relative to some other matters and reported verbally to you in substance the above. When I returned to my office Mr. Dawsey, who had then completed the tour with General Butler, informed me that General Butler had stated to him during the course of the tour that he proposed to get all the facts together and bring them to me, together with the affidavits which his friends had made on the evening of the conversation which he had with Father Coughlin. Mr. Dawsey also stated that General Butler had

The Attorney General

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requested him to ask me not to say anything about the matter which he, General Butler, had talked to me about to anyone, mentioning the Attorney General, as he knew he was my superior officer. General Butler in talking with me had not requested me to treat the matter confidentially, nor could I have done so if he had made the request in view of the character of the same.

I asked Mr. Dawsey to prepare a memorandum relative to his recollection of the conversation which he heard between General Butler and myself, and I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of Mr. Dawsey's memorandum dated August 8, 1936, covering this matter.

If I receive any further word or information from General Butler I will, of course, promptly advise you of the same.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

As a matter of record it may be stated while in the presence of a personal friend of General Butler's, Miss Hunka (?), the Director, and this Agent, General Smedley Butler stated of his own free will and accord that he had something on his mind and that he would like to get it off. He stated that while in Philadelphia he used to bring such matters to the Secret Service Department, and if the Director wanted him to he would tell him the things that he had on his mind. The Director stated that he would appreciate knowing the same, and General Butler stated that quite awhile ago Father Coughlin telephoned him and asked Butler if he would command an army of approximately 260,000 men to march to Mexico and overthrow the Mexican government that was at that time picking on the Catholic Church, that the Mexicans had kidnapped the archbishop, and that Coughlin stated that he had the financial backing and the men and the arms, and all he needed was a leader. He stated that he thought that Butler was the man.

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Butler stated that he recognized Father Coughlin's voice and as soon as he recognized his voice he requested a friend of his, an editor of a Philadelphia paper, to go up stairs and listen in on the conversation on an extension telephone. He said that he told Father Coughlin that he would not do this because it amounted to treason, that he was employed by the Federal government and that if Coughlin started such a movement the President of the United States would assemble the militia and stop such a movement. Coughlin's answer to this was that I should not worry about President Roosevelt because they would take care of him on the way down. Again Butler stated that he told Coughlin that this amounted to treason, and that he would not talk to him about the same over the telephone. Butler said that at the conclusion of the telephone conversation, this telephone connection was traced and that it was traced back to Coughlin.

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He stated that Father Coughlin immediately confirmed that telephonic conversation by a telegram and that he had this telegram in his possession. General Butler stated that he also had the affidavit of each of the visitors at his home that night who listened in on the conversation. General Butler said that he had previously gotten in on some dispute in connection with the Fascist movement and was called on to testify before the Congressional Committee for participating in the same. He informed the Congressional Committee that he had told the Secret Service Department of the government about this and that they hadn't done anything about it.

General Butler stated that he knew that Father Coughlin had a backing of approximately fifteen million people in this country, and also had good financial backing by some of the armed companies, naming the Remington Company and the DuPonts.

At the time of the telephone conversation with Father Coughlin, General Butler stated that he talked it over with the editor of this Philadelphia paper, and that they decided that the best thing to do would be to wait for more movements from Father Coughlin, that it would be impossible to bring the thing out in public, and General Butler stated that he was scared that some of Coughlin's men would bump him off.

General Butler stated that he realized his oath to the Federal government but what he wanted to do was to develop the thing in its entirety and then bring it out in the open, and that if he made such statements now it might cause some disturbance and the people would only call him a fool. He commented that he didn't know just what to do about the whole thing, that it had caused him considerable worry, and he was just waiting for another move from Father Coughlin.

General Butler stated that the other day a member of the Executive Committee of the Catholic organization that is backing Coughlin came to him and asked him if Coughlin had made such a proposition to him. The man from Coughlin's faction informed General Butler that he had

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previously asked Coughlin whether or not he had requested Butler to head this movement and Coughlin refused to deny it and told this man to go and ask Butler. It was this that prompted him to bring the question to the Director.

General Butler stated that very recently an ex-marine came to him and showed him a Chinese ring which was a certification that he was a dope smuggler, and told him that he had just helped smuggle one hundred Brownie Automatic Rifles from one of the arsenals for this group of men, and that they had hidden them on the estate of John D. Rockefeller. He stated that Rockefeller knew nothing about this but that the men had hidden the rifles there so that they would not be found. General Butler stated that he was quite disturbed over this. He decided to check up on this so he went to the quartermaster of one of the arsenals who was a friend of his and asked him if he knew anything about the rifles being gone, and the quartermaster informed him that one hundred Brownie Automatic Rifles had been stolen from one of the arsenals, and that that arsenal of this particular quartermaster had also lost fifteen Automatic Rifles.

General Butler stated that he knew the present political situation and if such movement was developed, it could very easily throw the next election either way and that he did not want to bring this out in the open and be criticized. He knew that his integrity and his honesty had never been questioned, and that he thought the Director could see through the whole thing.

He stated that it seemed to be Coughlin's intention of starting an armed revolution in the United States, and that Coughlin had made the statement that the voters of the United States would not have an opportunity to vote after the next election, indicating that there was going to be a revolution and a dictatorial form of government set up in the place of the present democratic government.

Butler then informed the Director that he wanted to turn this information over to him and that he would get all of the facts and bring them into the Director at a later date. The Director informed him that he would be glad to receive this information.

Memorandum for the Director.

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While going around on the tour, General Butler informed this agent that he had the affidavits of the various parties in connection with this plot, and that he had them locked in his safe in his home. He added that he would bring them to the Director later. He stated that he would wait for another movement from Coughlin before he told the Director anything else, and as soon as Coughlin made another move he would immediately come to Washington and report the same to Mr. Hoover.

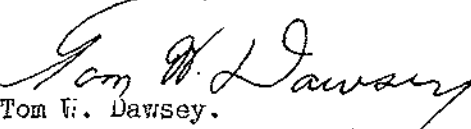
General Butler informed this agent that this thing was just worrying him to death, that his grandchildren had been threatened, that he had been threatened, that he expected to be murdered and if so it would be at the hands of Coughlin and his faction.

At the conclusion of the tour, General Butler stated again that he was going to bring this information to the Director and at this time he requested this agent to inform Mr. Hoover not to say anything about this to the Attorney General Cummings. It may be stated that while informing the Director about this movement Butler made no statement or no request that this information was to be kept strictly confidential by the Director.

After General Smedley Butler had departed, this agent immediately reported his request to the Director, and at that time the Director informed this agent he had already submitted this information personally to the Attorney General.

As a matter of record it may be stated that the above conversation took place in the Director's office while making a tour of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at approximately 4:30 p.m., August 7, 1936.

Respectfully,


Tom W. Dawsey.

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December 14, 1938

Dr. Louis L. Mann
Rabbi
Chicago Sinai Congregation
4600 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Dr. Mann:

It was a pleasure indeed to receive your letter of December 7, 1938, and I am gratified to learn that the talk of Inspector L. E. Nichols was so well received by the Forum of the Chicago Sinai Congregation.

I want you to know that I was glad to make Mr. Nichols available as a speaker on that occasion.

This Bureau is not conducting any investigation into Nazi or Communistic activities since no provision has been made by Congress which would authorize it.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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CC - Mr. Nichols

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Dr. Louis L. Mann
Rabbi

Chicago Sinai Congregation
4600 South Parkway

December
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

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May I take this means of thanking you for your great kindness in sending us Inspector Nichols, who took the place of Inspector W.H. Drane Lester.

Mr. Nichols spoke to some fifteen hundred people so admirably and capably as to reflect credit upon your great organization, and helped to create the kind of public opinion, that, in the last analysis, must keep our democracy safe and sound.

The Forum of Chicago Sinai Congregation and I, personally, are grateful to you and to Mr. Nichols.

Sincerely,

s/ L.L. Mann

LHM:SB

P.S. I am wondering whether the G-Men might not investigate whether Father Coughlin is being subsidized by the Nazi government.

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December 8, 1938

Mr. Theodore Eriskin
329 Taylor Terrace
Chester, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mr. Eriskin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated at Chester, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1938.

I must advise you that the matters to which you refer do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. For this reason it will be impossible for me to authorize any investigation in the premises.

In consequence thereof, there is no necessity for you to come to Washington, D. C. with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Philadelphia

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
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AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK AND DEMAND
THAT YOU SHALL INVESTIGATE ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND DOINGS OF
FATHER CHARLES E CAUGHLIN DETROIT MICHIGAN. I THINK THE TIME
IS COME NOW THAT WE SHALL INVESTIGATE ANND WATCH MEN LIKE
FATHER CHARLES E CAUGHLIN MORE THAN PROFESSIONAL GANGSTERS
BECAUSE PROFESSIONAL GANGSTERS ARE GOING IN THE OPEN SO WE
CAN CATCH THEM QUICKER. TO ME IN MY OPINION AS AN AMERICAN
CITIZEN WHICH OFTEN I HEARD HIM SPEAK OVER THE RADIO EACH AND
EVERYTME HE SPEAKS CONSIDER HE ATTACKS AS GOOD WORTHY CITIZENS
LIKE ALFRED E SMITH OR JOHN J OCCONNOR AND ALSO OUT GREAT
DEAR PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT AND IN ALL HIS TALKS
HE PREACHES NOTHING BUT COMMUNISM BOLSHIVISM AND ANARCHISM I
THINK THE TIME IS NOW THAT WE SHOULD GET RID OF SUCH A MAN
AS QUICK AS WE CAN AND PUT THEM WHERE THEY BELONG TO ME IN
MY HONEST BELIEF AND TRULY AMERICAN CITIZEN THIS MAN CHARLES
E CAUGHLIN IS THE DEADLIEST POISON WE HAVE AT PRESENT TIME IN
THE COUNTRY AND I THEREFORE DEMAND A TRUE INVESTIGATION OF ALL HIS
DOINGS OVER THERE AT HIS HIDEOUT. SOMETHING TELLS ME IT IS A LOT OF
TROUBLE DOWN THERE FOR THIS COUNTRY AND IF NECESSARY IS WILLING TO
COME TO WASHINGTON AND SIGN ALL THE NECESSARY PAPERS TO GO THROUGH
WITH PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT ONCE IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO COME
TO WASHINGTON ABOUT THIS MATTER I WILL NOT REST UNTIL THIS THING

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December 23, 1938

Mr. Morris D. Waldman
Secretary
The American Jewish Committee
461 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Waldman:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 16, 1938, in which you request information concerning an "American Secret Service Report" which was mentioned by Father Charles E. Coughlin in recent radio addresses.

I have caused a very careful search to be made of the records of this Bureau, and we have no information whatever concerning the report mentioned by you. For this reason, I regret that I cannot be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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MORRIS D. WALDMAN, Secretary
HARRY SCHNEIDERMAN, Assistant Secretary

December 16, 1938

Gentlemen:

Your attention has no doubt been called to the references made by Father Charles E. Coughlin in radio addresses delivered November 20 and December 4, to an American Secret Service Report.

We should like to have from you any information on this subject which you may care to send on to us for re-publication purposes.

Sincerely yours,



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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January 9, 1939
11:40 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: FATHER COUGHLIN

Mr. Earl Wixcey, Secretary to Senator Thomas of Utah, telephoned me this morning and informed me confidentially that a close personal friend of Senator Thomas had written him from the Pacific Coast and requested information as to how to proceed to investigate Father Coughlin.

Mr. Wixcey stated that the Senator intended to answer this letter merely offering an investigative suggestion and he wanted to know if I had any ideas. He stated that for my confidential information Jewish organization, comprised of the more prominent Jewish movie stars, decided to investigate Father Coughlin with the thought of getting something on him in view of his recent apparently pro-Nazi statements and that apparently they are going to make a rather extensive investigation. I informed Mr. Wixcey that I had no suggestions at all; that the only thing I even knew about Father Coughlin was what I read in the newspapers. Mr. Wixcey said, "Well, that is as much as the Senator or I know" and I added that it might be a good place to start. He said he would so tell them.

I thought you would be interested in the foregoing. Mr. Wixcey did not give me the name of the organization or the name of the person writing Senator Thomas.

Respectfully,

S. J. Tracy
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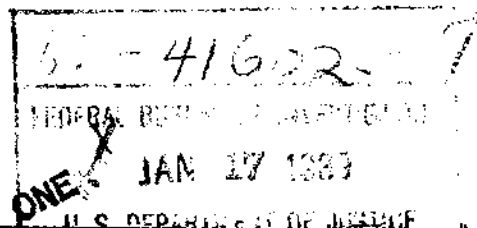
Is it true that the crime in the City of Washington is higher than in any city in the country and WHY. Are there more murders, thefts and assaults committed in the District of Columbia than in any other part of the United States? If THIS IS NOT TRUE--- WHY is a speech like that delivered by Ft Coughlin, yesterday-Sunday January 15th allowed to go unchallenged? This was reported all over the world. If Ft Coughlin does not like Washington- the Capitol of these United States why don't he go back to Rome. If he -- in his mad lies-- against the changing of our neutrality laws, must attack some one-- President Roos evelt. Why does he hold up to ridicule the Capitol of our Grand Country. Good thing that the men who drew up our Consitution and Bill of rights were 55 Portestants and one Catholic- Or else we would have gone the way of All "The FAITHFUL" long ago. Anyway that is no excuse for his Calling our President and our Capitol such vile names unless it be TRUE.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours

E N Martin

Jan 16.1939.



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62-41602-8

February 2, 1959

Miss Margaret Scully
133 Claremont Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Miss Scully:

Your communication dated January 22, 1959, relative to the radio program mentioned therein, has been forwarded to me from our New York Field Division office.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation does not have jurisdiction over the matter mentioned by you but if you so desire I suggest you communicate with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York City, N. Y.
January 26, 1939

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a card
received at this office, dated January 22nd,
1939, from Margaret Scully and Family, 133 Clare-
mont Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., in which I
thought the Bureau might be interested.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.
DB:VC

Sunday January 22nd 1939

Radio Station F.B.I.

Dear Sir,

As an American citizen I
wish to state Father Coughlin's broadcasting
should be on the air as he expresses American
views of life and everything is true that he
says over the air.

Margaret Scully + Family
133 Claremont St
Jersey City N.J.

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August 28, 1939

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Mr. E. L. Draper
Wakarusa, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Draper:

Reference is made to your letter dated
August 21, 1939, concerning an investigation of an
individual named therein.

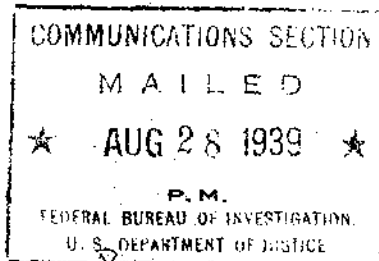
Please be advised that the investigative
jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted by
Congressional enactment to certain cases in which
there is an indication of violation of specified
Federal Statutes. A careful reading of the contents
of your letter does not indicate such a violation
and, accordingly, I regret that I shall be unable to
be of service to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

cc - Cleveland

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Mr. Egan _____
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Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sears _____
Mr. G. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



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To The Dept. of Justice
Washington D.C.

Aug. 21, 1939

Dear Sirs -

As a citizen and a voter
I demand an investigation of the
source of Father Chad Coughlin's funds
for his extensive program of Radio
broadcasting, magazines publishing
and general propaganda work.

Surely the snickers and thins sent in
by listeners could not keep this exten-
sive program under motion.

I believe the American people have a
right to know who is financing
this man and for what purpose.

Give this matter some attention
as there are many people interested
in knowing these facts.

Yours Truly

C. L. Draper

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J. W. Charles

I wish you send to Father
Douglass my sincerest thank
Thank for his Address of
Sunday May 7 1939.

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Reverend Charles E. Coughlin
Woodward and 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, Michigan

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DATE 6/17/82 BY SP5 RSC/ma

Dear Father Coughlin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 24, 1939, with which you inclosed a letter written in Polish and a translation thereof.

I wish to advise that I have perused the contents of the above mentioned translation and fail to note a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I regret that I am, therefore, unable to be of assistance to you in the matter.

The letter written in Polish and its translation are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

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P.M. (Copy of translation only retained in
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REV. CHAS. E. COUGHLIN
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

August 24, 1939

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Honorable and dear Sir:

I am turning the enclosed letter over
to you.

Although it is written in Polish, the
translation has been made by one of the priests
on the reverse side.

Very truly yours,

Chas. E. Coughlin

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Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Seals.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

COPY OF A TRANSLATION - LL

Dear Father,

I desire to warn you of a conspiracy against your life. Besides my neighbors a former tenant of mine have told me that it has been decided that Fr. Coughlin will be shot through the head. This was mentioned to me on the 24th of July by a Communist woman whose name is Helen Skierski. Her husband works for the W.P.A. Pardon me for writing in Polish.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Regina
13474 Mitchell Str.
Detroit, Mich.

(Rec'd in envelope postmarked at Detroit, Mich., 7/31/39.)

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November 28, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROOSE

With reference to your memorandum of November 18, 1939, please be advised that this Bureau has conducted no investigation with regard to Charles E. Coughlin, Royal Oak, Michigan, nor do the Bureau's files contain any information of value concerning the subject matter of your request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 18, 1939

OJR: FMR: PBW

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION

I would appreciate it if you would transmit to the Criminal Division all matters in possession of the Bureau with respect to Charles E. Coughlin, Royal Oak, Michigan, Social Justice Publishing Company, Inc., Radio League of the Little Flower, Inc., National Union for Social Justice, Inc. and Social Justice Poor Society, Inc.

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O. John Rogge

O. JOHN ROGGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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1206 Park Place
Brooklyn, New York,
Aug. 8th 1940

Mr. President,

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Dear Sir,

For years, Father
Coughlin has accused our Government
ment of being run by reds. In
his distorted mind practically
every one is a "red." In this article,
printed in his magazine, which I
am enclosing; he boldly proclaims
himself to be a fifth columnist for
the avowed purpose of crushing
these "reds," "reds" whom he claims
are running our government.
This amounts to an audacious
statement that he would participate
in an overthrow of our government.

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if he has the opportunity. We have
~~known~~ for years what this man was
and what he stood for and now
that we are preparing to build up
our armed forces isn't it time
we did something about him and
his fanatical followers? And
please don't take him too lightly, he
has a huge following and they believe
him more than they would believe
God himself.

I look forward to the
day when he and his kind will
be behind bars where they belong,
unable to make any trouble. Wishing
you continued good health and long
life, I am,

John Kadanzio
Yours sincerely,
John Kadanzio



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New Dealers— Stop, Look and Listen!

1932 has come and gone.

And with the years have gone the hopes woven around the name of Roosevelt.

America has become the land of the money changers, their chieftain, Baron Rothschild, having arrived on our shores to take over the helm.

And where are the original New Dealers?

Where is Raymond Moley?

He has gone into the discard because his honesty at the London Monetary Conference was not in keeping with the intrigue of the day.

One needs not continue writing the litany of names from Moley down to Farley.

... the discard. The man to whom Franklin Roosevelt

Please Read

Let Us Be 'Fifth Column' American

ASKED ABOUT the strength of his forces against Spain's Communist regime, General Mola of Franco's army said: "I have four columns of soldiers, and a fifth column in Madrid."

The general was referring to the Christians of the Spanish capital who, though under the lash of the Reds, were aiding the cause of the Nationalist Christian forces.

The expression, "fifth column" arose, therefore, out of the struggle of Spanish followers of Christ to throw off the yoke of Bolshevik murderers. It has been twisted in this country by the Reds to mean anti-Americanism.

Using the original and correct meaning of the words, SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine belongs in the "fifth column."

SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine is contending week after

week for a maintenance of genuine Americanism of Bolshevik taint.

SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine is fighting for a continuance of freedom and justice under the Star Stripes—fighting for it against the powerful force of Red internationalism which aim at destruction of human freedom and confiscation of all wealth.

SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine is struggling to Truth afloat in America.

In addition to the loyal army of present subscribers, SOCIAL JUSTICE needs 5,000 additional distributors throughout the country—to meet public demand for this magazine.

We want men and women, boys and girls, to read the magazine on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week. WE WANT THEM NOW.

You can make money selling SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine. Write for particulars and see.

And Here Is Our Remarkable Free Trial Offer

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Dear Sir: . . .

The fifth column
has a strong ally
in Father Coughlin.

Investigate the
Jew hater, labor
hater, reactionary
~~the~~ disrupter of
Americanism & democracy.

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Do not get the impression I am plotting Nazism. This is not a holy war. It is the most unholy war ever fought. It is a war fought between two extremes: Capitalism on one side and anti-capitalism on the other; representing Communism for one extreme and Fascism for another extreme. Bear in mind it is two economic systems fighting the death battle. Seven years ago it began. Seven years ago with one ounce of gold, Germany succeeded in buying up a nation's senseless war. The other

Now do you want my opinion? We are in sad need of national defense. I remember in my address of March 30, 1938, that I gave an hour-length address on the need of national defense. At that time I said that already Mr. Roosevelt had been given \$7,500,000,00 by Congress and all we had to show for it was equipment for landing troops, out-moded flying crates, and an excellent navy. We wondered where that money had gone to. Now certainly Mr. Wallace wouldn't misappropriate it. And certainly your neighbor, Mr. Ickes, wouldn't misappropriate it. The point is that the money has been spent and we are now told that we need national defense. We need it now more than we ever needed it. The question strikes me although we need national defense; army, air force, and navy, which is more important, the airplanes, the bayonets; are they more important than the men capable of producing them? I think men are more important right now than our dollars. We need some body who is able to produce

Did you ever think how far a bomber could fly from Germany to America, bomb Wall Street and return. There isn't a bomber machine that can make the round trip. You can't win a war by bombing Wall Street. And they never bomb Wall Street. They bomb the places always.

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October 12, 1940

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Reverend Maurice S. Shesky
Head, Department of Religion
The Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Shesky:

I want to thank you for your letter of September 10, 1940, and for the material which you furnished for the files of this Bureau. I was particularly interested in the editorial and the copy of the speech made by Father Charles E. Coughlin and you may be sure that a careful record has been made of this information.

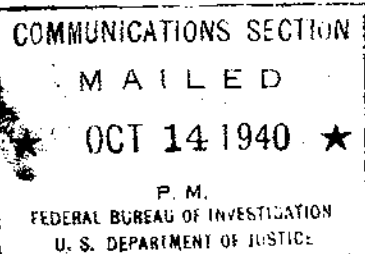
Your cooperation in advising me of matters of this kind is sincerely appreciated and any further data which you feel would be of interest to this Bureau will be most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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REGISTER
OR
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VALUABLE MAIL



J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Washington, D.C.

Sept. 10, 1940

Dear Friend:

Enclosed are two clippings for your files in regard to Coughlin

1. An editorial from the Fascist organ Regina Fascista in regard to Fr. Coughlin

2. A copy of Fr. Coughlin's speech at Dubuque, Iowa June 6 in which he admits he was an agent of the German government requested to get \$ 30,000,000 from the U.S.

These should be added to the data on this gentleman

Sincerely,

Maureen Sheehy

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Sincerely,

Maurice S. Sheehy

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THE WASHINGTON POST
Washington, D. C.
Sept. 4, 1940

Serve Nation, Pope Tells Catholics

Church Won't Condone
Draft-Evasion, Pontiff
Indicates in Address

By JOHN T. WHITAKER
Special Radio to The Post

Copyright, 1940, New York Post
and Chicago Daily News, Inc.
ROME, Sept. 4.—While many

countries are at war and the
U. S. prepares for conscription,
the Catholic Church does not
condone pacifists or draft-
evaders.

EXCLUSIVE

Pope Pius XII in an address today to representatives of the Italian Catholic Action told these laymen that Catholics owe "loyal, conscientious obedience" to the State, for which they must be willing to die if necessary.

Borne into the Hall of Benediction in the gestatorial chair at 10 a. m., the Holy Father spoke from the throne to the thousands who overflowed into the royal and ducal halls. Afterwards he imparted the apostolic blessing and permitted many to kiss his hand.

Members of the Catholic Action must show themselves, said the pontiff, "to be not only ardent Christians but also perfect citizens, familiar with the exalted duties of social and national community life, lovers of their fatherland and ready even to give their life for it whenever the lawful good of the country exacts this supreme sacrifice; they must give due respect and loyal, conscientious obedience to the civil authorities and to their legitimate demands."

Applause Greets Words

This part of the speech, with doubly important implications for a people at war, was greeted with enthusiastic and prolonged applause by the Italian Catholics.

Continuing, the Pope prayed for peace to "bring that ordered tranquility and concord of peoples for which the world is sighing but which can be found in only the Kingdom of God which is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

The Pope, in his reorganization of Catholic Action, no less than in today's speech, had made it plain that the Vatican stands above political strife and emphasizes its great spiritual role in this period of bloodshed and horror.

The Fascist regime shows a singular lack of appreciation, however, and the Regime Fascista has been carrying on an incredible campaign of abuse against the Church.

Coughlin Praised

This newspaper, in a typical article yesterday, wrote:

"Father Coughlin puts into serious practice the papal encyclical and promotes in the U. S. a system that is 100 per cent Christian. In spite of this the Vatican condemns his movement. There is an order never to mention him in the Osservatore Romano.

"Why this aversion while the Holy See bows to Roosevelt? The mystery is explained by the fact that Father Coughlin does not love the Jews. He knows what they are capable of and therefore does not favor the alliance between the Jews and the Church. And he has the courage to say the truth.

"He knows this alliance is contrary to Christian principles, but also that it has been created by dollars which the Jews through Spellman (evidently a reference to the Rev. Francis Joseph Spellman, archbishop of the New York diocese) send to the Vatican. The Vatican condemns Coughlin for having said this truth and for having defended true Christianity from contamination.

Church Heads Called 'Criminals'

"It condemns him because, he opposes Roosevelt and also because he favors the totalitarian regimes, since his Social Justice welcomes and pursues anti-democratic principles and defends the masses against the capitalists. What does it matter if Coughlin's ideas are questioned? These criminals of the Vatican are interested in politics, not in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Regime Fascista is controlled by Roberto Farinacci, former secretary of the Fascist party and among the most important of Premier Mussolini's lieutenants.

Fr. Coughlin Pleads to Keep U. S. Youth from Europe's War

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, lin, noted radio orator of Royal Oak, Mich., forcefully pleaded that American youth be not sacrificed again in a European war, praised King Leopold III of Belgium for his courage in surrendering to avoid another sacrifice of Belgium, asked for an effective defense program in America, at the Midwest Peace rally at Loras gymnasium May 29.

Crowds came early to hear the famous radio priest. Many had to remain outside the large gymnasium for lack of room.

The following is the condensed text of his speech, the first to be published:

I come here on the eve of Memorial day. Naturally your thoughts and my thoughts have turned back on the clock of time to 1918. On the screen of our memories there are being flashed those battlefields, those white crosses, those broken promises, those useless sacrifices; when you and I and those poor corpses believed the propagandists who told us that we were fighting to make the world safe for democracy; that we were fighting a war to end all wars. Yes, on that same screen of memory there was a presidential campaign enacted in 1916.

Recently evidence has been published in the Robert Lansing papers indicating that the man who was running for the presidency of the United States already had committed himself to war in 1915. We believed all the propaganda they told us and our boys went abroad. Such fine boys they were. We remember such patriots they were. We also remember the war mongers who made corpses of them with their hypocrisy. That shall not happen again. Not in this America.



Fr. Coughlin at Dubuque

Once we believed in the cries of the war mongers fighting an economic battle; not to keep the world safe for democracy, but to be followed by the democracy which eventuated in Germany in 1933.

On this Memorial day my memory moves back to 1933. At that time in Germany Mr. Bruening was the superior of a political party. Several parties had failed to rectify the evils of the war. Germany was an impoverished country. There was no gold in their vaults. Approximately 3,000,000 workmen could not find positions. So Mr. Bruening proceeded to Paris himself to bow his knee before his victors.

I remember that Sunday morning that Mr. Bruening came to

Paris. It was a beautiful day. The entire population had turned out to receive him with acclaim. From the time that his train turned into Paris, from the time that a motor car turned into the main highways of Paris, he was received with elation. At last, the people thought, at last we are to have peace. Lloyd George is recalled to have said upon signing the treaty, "That treaty is good for 10 more wars."

Mr. Bruening was met by Mr. Blum, the atheist, the friend of the Communists, who had charge of the French finances. Mr. Bruening wanted 30 million dollars from Blum to keep Communism out of Germany. Would Bruening receive that money? I have it from an eyewitness that Bruening was on his knees pleading with Blum and holding his hand in his. Blum scowled and told him to go home.

That untold story I just rehearsed for you was held under the blotter for fear it would be told.

In 1933, March 4, there was an inauguration of a New Deal in the United States. Germany also had a New Deal with the inauguration of Adolf Hitler. There would have been no Adolf Hitler had the Democracies given Bruening the 30 million dollars he had asked for. Now they can spend 30 billion dollars and Hitler will be their master. There is a page of history for you.

I was in Washington on March 4, 1933. Some of Mr. Bruening's friends asked me to please plead with the administration for 30 million dollars from here. I did, and was refused. Hitler would not have risen to power if there had been one single grain of Christian charity in the treasury of the so-called democracies.

I see something lately in our
(Continued on page 5)

How many ships could bring troops here? 10,000 ships. Are there 10,000 ships in the world? Is there a harbor in the world that could accommodate that many?

How many ships to carry food and supplies? 10,000 more. People who think about Hitler coming over here should be psycho-analyzed. Let's desert hysteria. We want peace at home, not the kind of peace that we had under Hoover. We want the kind of peace between labor and capital. Labor needs capital and capital needs labor; and anyone instigating trouble between them is not a good American. They are working for the peace that would give the right to live and let live. And then there are certain individuals who stir up class hatred and race hatred and make it smell.

We want the peace of Jesus Christ, the peace, by which the Christians who believe in Jesus Christ will not be afraid to live their belief. There is no compromise in that.

Jew or Gentile, if you uphold nationalism, I shall bait you until you deny it.

There's no room for class hatred stirring up labor against capital, between Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant. If they divide us, they will rule us. Capital and labor must stand together; Jew and Gentile must stand together; Catholic and Protestant must stand together, keeping America at peace.

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DATE 6/17/86 BY SP5 KSG/mr

I am not at all surprised at the lawlessness of Gangsterism if you allow a dangerous criminal like Father Coughlin to incite the people to lawlessness, to disrespect for our Government, to disrespect for the selective draft act.

Why don't you put him into Federal Prison for 99 years and one day.

Why do you permit him to publish his filthy sheet?

This Gangster is not an American, he is a Canadian. Put him in Prison, that's where the gangster belongs.

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9/16/40.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I visited the Louisville Unit of the P.B.A. to see Mr. Moss. I was informed that he was too busy to see me, therefore this report, a copy of which I am sending to a member of Congress likewise. Being interested in the activities of Coughlin, I inquired at The Louisville Free Public Library as to whether they bought or had donated weekly copies of his Social Justice Magazine. I was informed after some hesitation that a man has been delivering these copies on Monday Morning, his name as given me was Oscar Fornell, a name not found in the City or telephone directory. Also that he represented the Civic Action Club which met frequently at the Tyler Hotel in Louisville, Ky. Upon further inquiry at the Hotel the man at desk by name of Brown, Manager informed that the new Secretary was Mr. J.V. Spencer and that his phone number was Jackson 7683 and thru city directory J.V. Spencer was located at Jays Products Co., medicine Mfrs. 122 S. 8th St. Upon inquiry at the latter number by phone I established the fact that Robert Badger Jr. 2117 Murray Louisville, Ky. was acquainted with Mr. Spencer. Mr. Badger incidentally was the man who sat in the back of the car the night my life was threatened. For weeks I had hoped of running into Badger and my luck did not fail me for I passed his machine and recognized him on Center St. near Broadway about 3:20 am today. I took his license number and called the traffic bureau and that is the way I found out his true name and address. I will watch myself now and there is a ring of them around here. The strange thing about Jay's Products Co. is that his place was nothing but a bunch of old bottles according to Roy Fieldhouse who works at McKesson Robbins Co 8th and Main Sts., City. He moved today to his new location 513 1/2 West Walnut directly across from the entrance to the Jefferson County Armory, - just what he is up to and what are his motives I do not know. He could be a fine source of information or a source of obtaining supplies for the manufacture of explosives. The latter is purely supposition yet it might be a reality. It is up to your department to find this out, and I have of my D--- business and I don't give a damn. All I wanted to know was, that Badger was an acquaintance of J.V. Spencer. I don't know whether the local Brit made any inquiry concerning and as far as I am concerned I don't ever expect to get any cooperation. At least they could have informed me of some development. All I know was Mr. Moss telling me not to interfere in any investigation which he would make as well as threatening me not to ever impersonate an officer. Well I told him that whenever I did that he should send for me and not mail me a letter., for I had a little more sense than that. I remain,

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Yours Very sincerely,

A. A. Shaper, M.D. F.R.C.P.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The Civic Action Club is ~~for~~ ~~(Caucasian)~~ Social Justice (negroes) Club.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The attached correspondence, which ~~has~~ been acknowledged, is referred for your appropriate disposition.

FROM: Dr. A. A. Shaper
716 Brown Building
Louisville, Kentucky

DATED: 9/25/40

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RE: Booklets circulated by Father Coughlin

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O. JOHN ROGGE
Assistant Attorney General

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From A.A. Shaper M.D.
716 Brown Bldg.
Louisville, Ky.

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NO. 8247

Honorable C. John Rogge,
Assistant Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Attorney General Assistant Rogge;

Please refer to OJR CFF : jb
146-5. Dated 9/17/40.

My original reason for seeing District Attorney Eli Brown at the Louisville Federal Bldg. was to have the booklets which I received from Rev. Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit examined by the Postal Inspectors following a reply from Rev. Coughlin in which he stated that he was sending me these booklets by mail. Mr. Brown thought that I desired to prefer criminal charges against Coughlin and he stated that he examined the booklets and found that Coughlin did not commit a violation by sending them through the mails. The booklets which I received from Rev. Charles E. Coughlin were four in number and were titled "Am I an Anti-Semite", "An Answer To Father Coughlin's Critics", "The Rulers of Russia, and I take My Stand and Discussing" "A Christian Front"

by Charles E. Coughlin. On page 82 Of the first booklet "Am I AN Anti-Semite" a record is made ;;; File No. 763.72119 / 563a stating that "America Jewry holds itself ready to cooperate with their Russian brethren in this great movement. Marshall, Morgenthau, Schiff, Strauss, Rosenwald. Signed Lansing." Is this true or false? The F.B.I. in Washington informed me that they have copies of these booklets.

I have asked permission to have Coughlins letter to me printed in their paper which I have refused. I remain, Yours truly, A.A. Shaper M.D. 716 Brown Bldg. Louisville,

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a. a. Shaper *W.D. B.S.M.*

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Mr. Joseph Breitbarth
Niota, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Breitbarth:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 4, 1941, with enclosure, and I want to thank you for your courtesy and interest in writing to this Bureau.

With respect to your inquiry I wish to advise that by virtue of a well-established policy of the Department of Justice all information contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is of a confidential nature. Accordingly I am unable to comment upon or furnish any data concerning the situation to which you make reference.

I would like to state, however, that the FBI is an investigative agency and does not pass upon matters relating to the prosecution of Federal criminal offenses inasmuch as such matters are decided by the Attorney General and his staff.

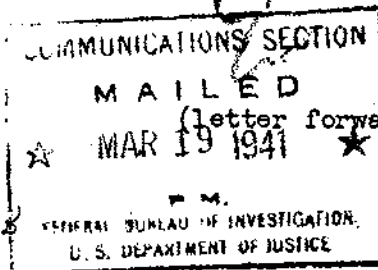
The stamped, self-addressed envelope which you enclosed is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Niota, Ill.

March 4 1941

Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Washington D.C.

Sir:

There is a story makeing its rounds in this community to the effect, that the F.B.I. has uncovered a NAZI Bund cell''somewhere in Texas''faunded by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit Mich. and has failed to prosecute the case.

Will you please state wether this story has any foundation.

I inclose a stamped envelope for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Breitborth

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From A.A. Shaper MD
The Brown hotel 716 Brown Bldg
ADWAY AT FOURTH AVE.
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



" THE ATTORNEY GENERAL "
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Washington, D.C.

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Washington, D. C.
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

RE: REVEREND C. E. COUGHLIN

New York, N. Y.

June 14, 1941.

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Mr. Hannon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Boehm _____
Miss Gandy _____

Information has been received from an unknown outside source dated June 14, 1941, at New York City, to the effect that the following is reported by "The Hour."

"Father Charles E. Coughlin no longer makes any attempt to conceal his warm regard for Nazism and the gangster leaders of the Third Reich. In the June 9 issue of Social Justice, the Royal Oak priest devotes an article to praising the Nazi bigwigs and to making an invidious comparison between them and U. S. statesmen.

"The article, entitled 'Study in Contrasts,' opens with an attack on President Roosevelt. The degenerate nature of the attack is ill-concealed behind its pious wording: 'The dignity of his office and his physical affliction invite respect and sympathy for our ailing President.' In his following remarks, Father Coughlin says, in somewhat more open language: 'Vice-President Wallace attempted to evade the draft in the last war; 'Messrs. Stimson and Knox are colonels of the swivel chair; 'Harold Ickes - now a father for the second time -- will be able to face the powder -- baby powder -- and that is all; 'and 'Mr. Morgenthau, strong on getting other men to do the fighting, will do none himself.'

"Nazi Germany, the priest declares, offers a different picture: 'Then, the contrast Hitler is often himself in the front ranks -- facing shot and shell.

"Goering is an able air commander, actually flying his own plane and participating in the war.

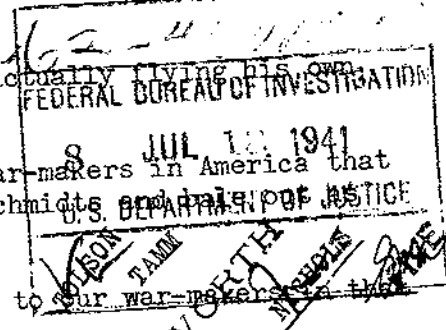
"And the 'sickly' Hess taught the war-makers in America that the German war-makers can fly their own Messerschmitts and that any common soldier is expected to bale out.

"At least, the Germans are superior to our war-makers in that they actually participate in the war."

Respectfully,

D. Currie

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Social Justice Publishing Co., Inc.

ROYAL OAK, MICH.

June 23, 1941

J. Stanley
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Some weeks ago I had the privilege of writing you a letter outlining our effort to make Father Coughlin's Jubilee celebration noteworthy.

Thus, please do not consider this note an intrusion; for I suspect that my first communication was either mislaid or lost.

In our combined effort to commemorate Father Coughlin's Jubilee, your subscription to SOCIAL JUSTICE -- which has expired -- is an important link in the chain. On it depends substantially the gift which both you and I are planning to bestow upon the founder of our publication.

Sincerely trusting that you will find it possible to renew your subscription either this week or next, and reaffirming the thanks which is due you for your magnificent cooperation in the past, may I remain

Sincerely yours,

SOCIAL JUSTICE PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

By:

Cora Quinlan
Secretary-Treasurer

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P.S. If you have already sent in your renewal please disregard this solicitation.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 12, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. STRICKLAND

Re: Father Charles E. Coughlin

The following information has been received from an unknown outside source dated June 7, 1941 at New York, New York.

The vicious anti-Semitism of Father Coughlin's Social Justice today matches that of Julius Streicher's Der Stuermer. The Royal Oak priest has dropped his former pious distinction between "good Jews" and "bad Jews". His Jew-baiting is now all-inclusive and his venom is unrestrained. The following passage, from the May 26 issue of Social Justice is typical:

"Like every other war, this war will come to an end.

"As happened after every other war, the apostles of war will be blamed for the hardships which will ensue.

"The pro-Semites and the Jews will not be able, in this age of reason, to exculpate themselves.

"Ten years hence, they will be the object of attack, of recrimination, of persecution, of pogroms on a scale which will surpass anything that happened in Europe.

"Ten years hence, appeals based on religion will have no avail. Ten years hence, appeals based on reason will be futile.

"Ten years hence, a handful of analytical men will trace the unmeasured flood of anti-Semitism not to the apostles of peace, but to the apostles of war -- among whom are the Jews themselves."

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Buckbee
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For Hoover

Father Coughlin is up to something in the Latin Americas. It would be a good idea for authorities to check his activities on this important front.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 24, 1941

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Mr. Holloman ☐
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Miss Beahm ☐
Miss Gandy ☐

Mr. Carusi in the Department called stating the Attorney General would like us to check our files to ascertain whether we have any information indicating a connection among the following: Robert Harris, member of the Firm of Harris & Vose, cotton brokers in New York; Father Coughlin; Senator Ellison D. Smith; and the Southern Commissioners of Agriculture.

Mr. Carusi stated that the suggestion is that these people have been working closely together, particularly Harris and Father Coughlin, and have been speculating actively in silver and cotton. I told Mr. Carusi I would call him back shortly.

Respectfully,

EAT
Edward A. Tamm

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Mr. Carusi was subsequently advised, after a check of the Bureau's files, that there was no information in our files indicating any connection among the above individuals.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

Transmitted herewith for your information and whatever consideration deemed appropriate are copies of a letter dated January 2, 1942, addressed to this Bureau by Mr. Ernest C. Carpenter, East Haven, Connecticut.

The correspondent has been informed of this reference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 26, 1942

Honorable Ernest C. Carpenter
East Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

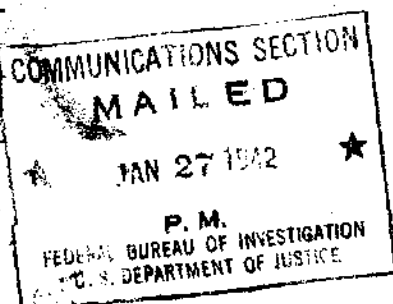
I have your letter of recent date and desire to express my appreciation for your courtesy and interest in communicating with me.

Inasmuch as it is believed that your observations may be of interest to the Special Defense Unit of the Department of Justice, I have taken the liberty of referring copies of your letter to that agency.

Should you secure possession of any additional information you believe of value to the protection of the internal security of the nation, I hope that you will not hesitate to communicate with me or my personal representative, Mr. J. T. Madigan, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 510 The Trust Company Building, New Haven, Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HARTFORD, Jan. 2, 1942 19

East Haven, Conn

Dear Sirs,-

I call your attention to an article appearing in the publication called "The New Republic", entitled, "Same Old Coughlin, Page 7.

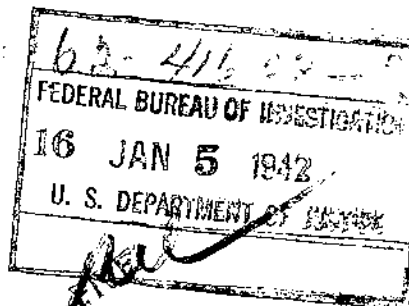
The one guilty of some of the items in that article certainly ought to be brought to task.

Sincerely,

Ernest C. Carpenter

Ernest C. Carpenter
One East Haven Representative

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WASHINGTON

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The Department of State transmits to the following
the attached information in the hope that it will be of
value:

~~Military Intelligence Division~~
~~Office of Naval Intelligence~~
✓ Federal Bureau of Investigation

Enclosure:

✓ Copy of confidential communication dated
December 26, 1941, from Peter J. Smith, 159
West Seventy-first Street, New York City,
regarding Charles Coughlin.

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159 West 71st. N. Y. City

Dec. 26, 1941.

Dear Sir:

In these times of suppression of enemy propaganda and sabotage, the Government is overlooking the most nefarious and insidious type of anti-American weapon in this country.

Unless Silver-Charlie Coughlin and his miserable gang of rats are thrown into jail and their yellow Nazi paper is suppressed, we may soon find mobs of people taking him and the rest of his degenerate crew and lynching them.

Personally I would like to see it happen as he bleeds the poor and the ignorant and poaches racial religious and national hatred.

Please do something to eliminate his cancerous growth.

Sincerely yours,

PETER J. SMITH

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February 18, 1942

Mr. F. Friedlander
1401 Hyde Park Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Friedlander:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your
letter dated January 15, 1942.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing
this information to my attention are indeed
appreciated, and you may be assured your letter
will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

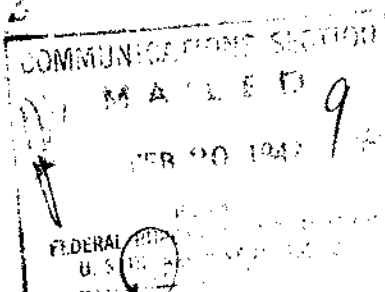
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Chicago, Jan. 15-1942

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a clipping
taken from the Chicago Daily News.

This represents the sentiments of a great
many loyal Americans, including the
commentator Mr. H. V. Kattenborn.

I have not visited the church at
Royal Oak, Mich. myself, but I heard a
public lecture, ^{see} that in the office of "Social
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Is it because Father Coughlin is a priest,
that he is allowed to preach race-prejudice,
to hundreds of laymen, who take his every
word for gospel truth?

In the interest of Unity, Victory,
& Americanism, I think these things
should be investigated.

Is there no line of demarcation
between free speech, & license, & treason?

Respectfully

G. Friedlander.

1401 Hyde Park Boul.

Chicago, Ill.

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FASCIST COUGHLIN.

A reading of the Dec. 22 issue of Coughlin's Social Justice prompts one question: What strange immunity is enjoyed by this Fascist who today is the most outspoken apologist of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis in the United States?

Disunity, treachery to the nation, defeatism and incitement to panic is Charles E. Coughlin's contribution to America in the greatest crisis in the country's history.

It was the "mumbling, jumbling politicians whose failures got us into this war, and by the God of Peace we will not be silent while we and our sons bear its brunt." Also, to quote again — "History will decide whether the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was dastardly or clever."

Another editorial comment — "Assuming the United States is victorious such a victory will bring only grief and disaster—" and also — "when hostilities cease, those of us who are able will be they who will bring to account the warmongers of the world—warmongers whose machinations were responsible for the misery of today."

There is not one word in Social Justice that would not have been

dictated in the offices of the Nazi propaganda ministry in Berlin. Only some special immunity for Charles Coughlin, its proprietor, can account for its continued existence as an instrument of betrayal to this nation and its allies now in a death struggle with fascism.

NORMAN FREILICH.
Winnetka.

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Chicago, Jan. 15, 1942

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Respectfully

/s/ F.Friedlander
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Chicago, Ill.

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Jan. 21, 1942

Mr. Edgar Hoover
% F.B.I. Washington DC

Dear Sir:

With reference to the enclosed Clipping which appeared in the paper this morning, I can't for the life of me understand why they allow this Coughlin and others of his ilk, along with the Social Justice to carry on the way they do in spreading hatred, poison etc. all over the United States. They are more dangerous than Hitler, Mussolini and the Japs, as they keep baring away from within.

Coughlin and his henchman should either be deported to Germany or Japan immediately, or placed where they cannot do any harm until after the war. Why fool around with such traitors like these when the United States is engaged in a gigantic and bloody war to the death for freedom and liberty. ^{my} "Crazy murderers" which are lined up to eradicate the Allies and enslave all the people of the world.

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of Charles Coughlin

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Coughlin, Wheeler, Nye, Lundberg
etc., have never done ~~any~~ ^{any} good previously and certainly
not now. Anybody who pays tribute
to Germany and Japan ^{is} ~~is~~ what they
have done, is the worst kind of a traitor
and dangerous to have in the midst
of peace and liberty loving Americans.

For goodness sake, it is in your power
to take care of such matters like this and
the sooner you hook up or dispose
of such lice like Coughlin and his
subversive gangsters the better it
will be for all of us. Do not wait
any longer. They have showed ^{their} ~~their~~
hand and now it is your turn to act.

Respectfully

Jacques Trudeau

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Father Coughlin Again

The phrase, Pearl harbor, has already become the rallying cry of a united America. Public and press have ceased carping and settled down to winning the war—with one notorious exception.

Father Coughlin's "social justice," while grudgingly admitting the necessity of fighting, continues to snipe at the government, congress, Britain, and Russia.

The December 22 issue published two weeks after the Japanese attack, was packed with passages of hostility. After blaming the bankers and politicians for bringing on the war, the rabbleroising priest paid tribute to the Japanese, made a thrust at Hollywood, and printed a poem about youth wallowing in gore.

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Dear Sir:

RE: FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN
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SPECIAL INQUIRY STATE DEPARTMENT

The Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the Department of State, directing attention to the January 10, 1942, issue of "The Hour," an anti-Nazi publication distributed from 100 East 42nd Street, New York City. The particular items referred to were those dealing with Father Charles E. Coughlin and his distribution of the periodical "Social Justice." For your full information in this regard there are quoted hereinafter the excerpts from "The Hour" concerning which the State Department evidenced a particular interest:

"Father Charles E. Coughlin, who has long served as a reliable barometer of native fascist trends, summarizes the new Fifth Column line in the current issues of his publication, Social Justice. The December 22, 1941, issue attacks the Administration for inefficiency and lack of preparedness; describes Great Britain as a country whose aims are identical to those of Japan; and pictures the failure of the Soviet Union to launch an immediate attack upon Tokyo as a deliberate betrayal of the anti-Axis forces. With characteristic hypocrisy, the fascist priest delivers his seditious message in the name of 'patriotism.' His shabby cynicism reaches a high point in an article entitled 'Let's Have Confidence,' published in the December 29, 1941, issue of Social Justice. The article opens with the statement: 'On all sides, as a result of the Pearl Harbor debacle, misgivings are cropping up about our ability to carry our successful war into the Orient.' These misgivings, the priest of Royal Oak goes on to say, should be discarded: '...we say to our readers — have confidence. At the time of President Roosevelt, who is Commander-in-Chief of Army and Navy.' And the President, Coughlin observes, is surrounded by a number of 'geniuses whose ability is unquestioned and whose loyalty in this crisis is above suspicion.' The article lists a score of these 'geniuses.' The names, almost without exception, are Jewish. In all cases, the individuals named

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"Christian Fronters, who have plotted untiringly against the Government of the United States, are openly boasting they have found the ideal war-time vehicle for their seditious activities.

On the basis of the above material the Department of State expressed the opinion that this Bureau should investigate carefully the activities of the Christian Front, along with the activities of Father Charles E. Coughlin, as directed through his newspaper "Social Justice." This request for an investigation by the Department of State was brought to the personal attention of the Attorney General and it is on his specific approval that the requested investigation is being initiated.

You are directed to immediately review the files of your Office with respect to Father Charles E. Coughlin and to initiate the necessary investigation to determine whether his present activities are in any way inimical to the present war effort. Three copies of the various issues of "Social Justice," distributed immediately preceding the declaration of war and subsequent thereto, should be forwarded to the Bureau.

The allegations contained in the above excerpts taken from "The Hour" should be particularly considered in making the requested investigation, such as the statement that the Christian Fronters, acting under instructions from Father Charles E. Coughlin, are infiltrating into civilian defense organizations so that they will be in a most strategic position to sabotage civilian defense work and spread panic when the right time arrives.

Your specific attention is directed to the case entitled **WILLIAM GERALD BISHOP**, with aliases; et al - **SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES; SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY; THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY**, in which the New York Office was origin. Your Office conducted considerable investigation during the course of the inquiries in the Christian Front case, which should be reviewed at this time for additional leads and summarization in the current inquiry. Your specific attention is directed to the

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reports of Special Agent G. Myrwin Alderson, dated February 20, 1940 and March 19, 1940, at Detroit, Michigan, in the case entitled WILLIAM GERALD BISHOP, with aliases; et al.

For your information and assistance there are enclosed herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent Walter J. Higgins, dated February 19, 1940, at New York City, in the case entitled WILLIAM GERALD BISHOP, with aliases, et al, which deals with information available to that Office regarding Father Charles E. Coughlin.

The investigation of this case, as you can well realize, should be conducted in a careful and discreet manner, however thoroughness is of the essence. All available confidential sources that may in any way be able to furnish information regarding the current activities of the subject should be thoroughly exploited.

I would also be interested in your opinion as to whether any special type of surveillances would be of assistance in giving full coverage to this matter. Your comments in this regard should be set forth in a separate personal and confidential letter to the Bureau.

This case should be placed in the hands of a well qualified and experienced Special Agent of your Office and immediate steps should be taken to review the material already available, and outline the investigative procedure to be followed, whereby the best results will be obtained. Needless to say, this case is to receive continuous and expeditious attention and I shall consider it your personal responsibility to supervise this matter in a way that the maximum results can be obtained in the shortest possible time.

All communications directed to the Bureau in this case should bear the above caption without any additions of individuals or organizations. This request is made for administrative purposes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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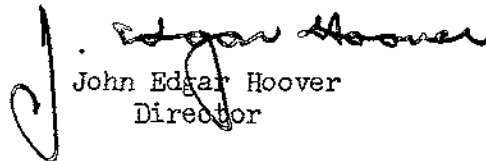
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I would appreciate a decision from you as to whether this Bureau should comply with the request of the Department of State in the above regard.

Respectfully,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

February 13, 1942

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

MR. BERGE

Will you let me have a brief summary
of the worst things that Father Coughlin has
been saying since the war, and attach some of
his speeches.

Francis Biddle
Attorney General

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February 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Father Charles Edward Coughlin was born of American parents at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on October 25, 1891. He is the son of Thomas J. Coughlin and Amelia Mahoney Coughlin. His father was a church sexton, who worked as a stoker for some years on a Great Lake steamer. He was later the manager of the Hamilton Baking Company. His mother was the daughter of a farmer of Strabane, Ontario. Father Coughlin attended the parochial schools and St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario, where he studied under the strict discipline of the Basilian Fathers. He was an honor graduate of the University of Toronto in 1911, and received the degree of LL.D., from the University of Notre Dame in 1933. He was ordained as a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1916 and taught Philosophy at Assumption College, Western University, from 1916 to 1922. Since 1926 he has been Pastor at the Shrine of the Little Flower, Woodward Avenue and Twelve Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan.

According to the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Father Coughlin is a citizen of the United States by reason of the fact that he was born outside of the United States of American parents, who had, prior to his birth, resided in the United States.

Shortly after assuming the pastorate of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Father Coughlin conceived the idea that he could reach more of the public over the radio, and with the permission of his ecclesiastical superior he began his radio experiment over Station WJL, Detroit, Michigan. His radio addresses were successful and he employed Eugenia Burke to assist him in handling his correspondence. This staff was subsequently supplemented by Amy Collins and the sisters Dorothy and Marie Rhodes.

Due to the success of his broadcast and the necessity of soliciting contributions for his radio work, the Radio League of the Little Flower was formed and it was through this entity that his radio broadcasting was financed. By late in 1930, his enterprise

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had become so successful that he made a contract with the Columbia Broadcasting System for the use of a network of sixteen stations for twenty-seven Sundays of that year. The weekly broadcasting bill was in the vicinity of \$4,000.00 and surplus funds received were reportedly invested in such Michigan enterprises as the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Corporation. Because of the fact that he expanded his topics beyond the purely religious and ecclesiastical nature and embraced varied economic theories, the Columbia Broadcasting Company, in August of 1931, announced that it would sell no more radio time to Father Coughlin. Other arrangements were made through Station WJK and an independent radio network then carried the addresses of Father Coughlin.

His first radio ventures beyond the field of religion dealt with the American banking system and it was this subject on which he concentrated most of his criticism for many years. He also took a strong stand against Communism and has at no time in any of his writings or speeches departed from a scathing criticism of government, private and individual activities that are in any way favorable to that political theory.

At the time of the prosecution of a number of young men in New York City affiliated with the Christian Front movement, Father Coughlin made many favorable statements regarding the defendants and in general condoned their activities. His magazine, "Social Justice," apparently was accepted in part at least as representing the salient principles of the Christian Front movement. Because of the nature of his speeches, Father Coughlin has not been permitted the use of radio time for approximately the past two years. This confines his activities in reaching those who might be sympathetic with what he believes to the distribution of the "Social Justice" magazine and the sermons given by him at the Shrine of the Little Flower.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PUBLISHING COMPANY

The Social Justice Publishing Company, which publishes and distributes the magazine "Social Justice," was incorporated on February 14, 1936, in the State of Michigan. Its stated purpose was to engage in the publishing business and any activities incident thereto. The corporation's address was given as Woodward Avenue and Twelve Mile

Road, Royal Oak, Michigan, which, it will be noted, is the address of the Shrine of the Little Flower. The Publishing Company was capitalized at five hundred shares of common stock, no par value, with price fixed for sale at \$100.00. The sole owner of the stock at that time was Father Charles E. Coughlin, whose address was the same as that given for the corporation. The first Board of Directors was comprised of Father Coughlin, Eugenia Burke and Amy Collins. Father Coughlin was appointed as Resident Agent in the original Articles of Incorporation, and was supplanted in that capacity by Catherine Wilson on August 16, 1939.

In February, 1940, the officers of the corporation were:

E. Perrin Schwartz, President
Royal Oak, Michigan

Edward Kinsky, Vice President
Brooklyn, New York

Catherine Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer
Royal Oak, Michigan

The Board of Directors was identical with the officers.

A review of the financial statement at the above time, maintained by the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, disclosed that the Social Justice Publishing Company had a deficit of \$130,658.14.

The Social Justice Publishing Company publishes weekly the periodical "Social Justice." The masthead of this periodical states that it is a National Weekly, founded in 1936 by Father Coughlin. Single copies are priced at 10¢ and yearly subscriptions sell for \$3.00.

There are set out hereinafter excerpts taken from the issues of "Social Justice" printed and distributed since December 7, 1941, the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor. A particular effort has been made to set forth that material which may indicate disloyalty on the part of the publishers of "Social Justice," or the distribution of material that tends to create disunity among the American people and distrust of the American Government. Each issue will be treated separately.

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF DECEMBER 15, 1941.

The following excerpt is taken from an article entitled "We're At War," appearing on page 3 of this issue:

"It is an all-out war--all out to the last dollar, to the last man, the last personal liberty. Yesterday and its freedom of press, pulpit and platform are history. Today and its censorship of pen, voice and assemblage are in order.

"Last month, with its strikes, Lindberghs, Wheelers, Lewises, Mothers of America, anti-British, anti-Communist, lies in the shadows of the pyramids. This month, with its unfolding of 'M' Day, will begin to freeze men at their jobs, at their salary; will begin to fashion a new pattern of a coming America.

"All of us will be conformed or else.

"All of us will learn to go along or else.

"All of us will fit in the grooves or else."

On page 5 of this same issue in the main text, the following comment is of interest:

"Hitlerism can't be defeated by destroying Hitler or Hitler's army. Ten million negatives can never accomplish the wiping out of National Socialism.

"Sensible men--were they in Washington and elsewhere--would realize that what America needs today--what the world needs is a positive revival of Christian principle."

On page 15 there is set forth an article entitled "An Inside Story. Platform of 1940 Disclosed War Policy." This article deals

with certain transactions at the last national Democratic Convention. Particular reference is made to the war plank. The article stresses the point that in committee it was decided to draw up a platform with respect to war which would satisfy all parties concerned. That is the non-interventionists and the interventionists. The article goes on to state as follows:

"A platform committee was discussing the foreign policy plank of the party. The Administration wanted to prevent a show-down on this issue on the Convention floor. They hoped for a pro-war plank, but knew they could not muster enough support to win; therefore, the best thing to do was to prevent the non-intervention group from writing an anti-war plank. They knew that the American people were against war, and that a peace-sounding platform would mean votes and enough votes to win.

"The President followed this new point in his campaign speeches where he promised 'again and again and again' that he would not send troops abroad.

"James Byrnes had been the Administration 'fixer' in the Senate for some time. He was to save the day for the President. On one side he had to stop Pepper (Senator Claude Pepper) and on the other side he had to have a platform that would not arouse the opposition of the Senators Wheeler, Clark and others.

"This manipulation is one of the choice stories of back room dealing at political conventions. It will go down in history with those of the Harding Convention in 1920.

"Finally the solution was reached that the platform should read: 'We will not participate in foreign wars and will not send an Army, Navy or air force to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas.'

"One sees clearly now why the addition was made. That was to be the 'keynote' of the Administration's war policy.

They were to convince the people that we had been attacked. No one felt that the platform would be too binding on President Roosevelt after the 1932 and 1936 platforms, but they wanted to make it as easy as possible for him to get out from under.

"The President is out to convince the American people that we have been attacked; therefore, he would send the Armed Forces outside of the Americas. His speeches stress that point. Our vessels had been attacked by German submarines. American vessels, 'peaceful in their missions,' had been the target of enemies, was to be the story of the undeclared sea war. He was joined in this propaganda by all of the war speakers.

"They wanted Hitler to be forced into attack so that the Armed Forces would be used outside of the Americas.

"They had been trying to force Hitler to fight since the first day of the war. They had, time and time again, committed acts that they hoped would arouse Germany to declare war against the United States. They just couldn't understand why they couldn't force the issue.

"Now, the pro-war crowd feels that this move to send ships to war zones will turn the trick.

"They will make Hitler fight and that 'WE have been attacked,' will be the issue to take to the people to get their war.

"They had 'planned it that way.'

"The Convention work of the 'fixers' will have borne fruit."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF DECEMBER 22, 1941.

This issue contains an article entitled "Let's Conscript Profits." This article deals with the matter of confiscating

profits of industrialists, politicians, and those in the professional classes in the United States, not directly engaged in war. At the beginning it is stated that millions of America's sons will be conscripted to serve for the duration and that most of them will receive a salary of \$40.00 a month. Continuing the following excerpt is quoted:

"Social Justice long since advertised its belief in the principle of the conscription of wealth, as well as men, in the event of war.

"Let us begin to implement that principle.

"No profits for munition makers. No profits for politicians or manufacturers of Army or Navy goods.

"No profits for publishers.

"No profits for factory owners.

"No profits for stockholders.

"No profits for bondholders.

"No profits for merchants.

"No profits for professional men, actors and entertainers.

"No profits for any person who is a stay-at-home.

"The President and Congress acting together have power to conscript all wealth, particularly in this time of war; have power to conscript all profits; have power to conscript portions of all salaries.

"If our President and Congress are really sincere in all they say about democracy, let them act and act now.

"We will hold them responsible—personally responsible—if any capitalist, stockholder, or owner makes one penny of profit on the tears, the blood, and the blasted line of the combatants.

"We will hold them personally responsible if any person—including themselves—makes a salary of more than \$100.00 a week, while the vast majority of our people who did not want this war are sacrificing."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF DECEMBER 29, 1941.

On page 4 of this issue, under the main heading "COMMENT" and the subheading "Viper In Our Bosom," there is first set out the fact that the Cowles' publication, the Minneapolis Star Journal, characterizes Social Justice as a "Viper in Our Bosom" -- meaning the national bosom:

"The reason for the compliment from these publicists (also responsible for Look magazine) was set down in a lengthy editorial (Dec. 13) which indirectly asks for the suspension of our publication on the grounds that it represents Adolf Hitler and his National Socialism.

"We understand why the Cowles crowd seek the suspension of Social Justice. We have opposed war and the war crowd from the beginning. We have opposed all the steps leading to war which the Star Journal supported under the smoke-screen of preserving peace. We have opposed alliance with the atheistic Soviet Union; coddling of Communists; altering of the Neutrality Act; all aid to imperial Britain at the expense of little aid to republican America--policies which Look magazine and the self-proclaimed 'Northwest's Greatest Newspaper' did not oppose.

"The Minneapolis Star Journal now belches with anger because Social Justice has the courage to say it 'submits to the will of the Government as expressed by Congress in declaring war.'

"Perhaps 'The Northwest's Greatest Newspaper' expected Social Justice to have registered a cowardly about-face by saying: 'We have been wrong all the years we opposed policies which we said would get America into war. But we will not fold up. Rather, like greedy cowards, we will continue publishing for profits by tacitly admitting that what was right yesterday is wrong today and vice versa.'

"Unfortunately for the Cowles publishers, we used the right word--the word 'submit.' In conscience we must submit

to the will of Government. In doing so, we reserve the right, without obstructing the progress of war, to applaud our Government when it is on the side of the angels and to criticize it when it is on the side of the devil.

"By using the word 'submit,' we take our stand with the millions of boys who have been drafted; for they, too, have morally submitted to the draft in the sense that most of them would not have signed up for war. They were drafted. So were we when Congress declared war. All of us will go along-- for victory.

"Today our position is as clear as it always has been."

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Continuing, the following excerpt is quoted:

"What does the Star Journal expect us to do as publishers? Is Social Justice supposed to 'Heil! Heil!' the inefficiency which resulted in the Pearl Harbor debacle? Are we supposed to maintain silence while the profiteers make a Roman holiday at the expense of a miserable people? Is pussy-footing a virtue in the face of General Reilly's statement, for example, which pleads for wine and women for the comfort of American soldiers?

"In fine, because we are at war must we wear the journalistic coat of a Nazi or a Communist when honest criticism is required more than ever to save our Republic?"

On page 5 of this issue there is set forth an item entitled "Let's Have Confidence." It is not believed necessary to quote this article, but in general it begins by stating that misgivings are cropping up on all sides as a result of the Pearl Harbor debacle. Father Coughlin urges confidence for a victory and in support thereof mentions the fact that President Roosevelt is at the helm as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. Then in a full column he mentions those persons prominent in the Federal Government who are assisting in the prosecution of the war, but in practically every instance mentions these persons as being Jewish or having Jewish affiliations. This item is obviously satirical.

On page 6 an editorial entitled "Unprovoked Attack" is set forth:

"Sunday, December 14th, was a red-letter day for Boston and Massachusetts. On that date the Russian War Relief Corporation launched a fund-raising campaign at the Boston Arena.

"In endorsing the campaign of the Massachusetts Committee of Russian War Relief, Inc., Gov. Leverett Saltonstall said:

"The Russian people need our help...Whether we agree or disagree with their political philosophy, the Russians are resisting unprovoked attack with courage and endurance."

"We loathe the fact that our Government and our people are compelled to fight side by side with so-called 'Russia' against Nazi Germany. There is nothing we can do about that matter now.

"But, in the interest of truth, we refuse to swallow the Governor's words, 'unprovoked attack.' We know, as the entire world knows, that the Soviet Union has been preparing for a world-wide revolution since 1917; that Stalin was busy building an army of aggression long before Hitler came to power; that Soviet troops marched against Poland, threatened Germany and insinuated themselves into the Spanish Civil war before Germany and Italy stepped in.

"Indeed, we are realists. But our realism is such that we will not label black as white.

"Were the United States aligned with the forces of Nazism, we would make the same observations."

On page 14 is set forth an item entitled "Let us Prepare," which is quoted as follows:

"Possibly--yes, probably--Britain will be forced to abandon the Malayan Peninsula. This will mean that Singapore, the Gibraltar of the East, will be lost. This will mean that India will be imperilled.

"All this forces us to do some sober thinking. Will Britain chance the loss of India? We suspect Britain will take care of Britain's Empire first.

"So, we will remember Pearl Harbor. In remembering that incident, we will be inclined to remember how we were caught napping. We will be inclined to urge our Government to take care of the United States first before we go all out for Britain.

"It would be a tragedy to find ourselves fighting the Axis Powers all alone. We trust that will never happen. But let's lock the stable door before the horse runs away."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF JANUARY 5, 1942.

On page 3 of this issue an item entitled "What Is Our Foreign Policy?" is set forth. After quoting from the January, 1942, issue of Reader's Digest the following comment is made:

"We observe that the Hitlerian new order, designed to overthrow the old order of international capitalism and imperialistic democracy, was political, economic and social. As far as the United States was concerned, this aggressive new order was not evidenced by hostile military or naval actions. Our Government damned Hitler not so much for what he did but what he thought and what he might do to us.

"Meanwhile, we joined with Hitler's actual military and naval enemy, supplying Britain with ships, munitions, money and threats thereby forcing Hitler to oppose us not for what we thought or planned to do but for what we actually accomplished.

"Hence our foreign policy, devoid of all fine phrases, was one blueprinted to defend international capitalism and British imperialism no matter what the cost might be in tradition, in dollars and in blood to the citizens of our country."

On page 4 of this same issue there is set forth an editorial entitled "Churchill Visits the White House." In continuing the comment along this particular line and analyzing the "Atlantic Charter" comprised

of eight points to be sustained precedent to peace, the following excerpt is of interest:

"Reasonable citizens, looking beyond Pearl Harbor, ask themselves why we are at war. The 'Atlantic Charter' gives a reasonable answer. In a word, we are at war to preserve the old order, to save the status quo; to destroy Hitler's new order.

"What about the old order?

"Was it a thrilling success despite its wars, industrial bondage, decimation of private property through the instrument of mortgage, concentration of wealth in the hands of a few, mass poverty, unexpressed heresy of super-racialism through British, French and American control of great sections of Asia and many other criticisms which every able reader can suggest?"

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"One of the most glaring shortcomings of the old order -- the British-American order -- was its inability to solve the problem of distribution. Though Great Britain controlled the highways of commerce; though, with the United States, it controlled the engines of production, these two powers failed in distributing the wealth of the world.

"Witness how Britain operated in India with slave wages.

"Witness how the United States operated in Puerto Rico -- a part of the United States -- with slave wages.

"And within the precincts of continental America and insular England, these same two powers failed in distributing wealth amongst their peoples. Before having solved the problem of distribution within their own territories, the signatories of the 'Atlantic Charter,' now meeting at the White House in Washington, are proposing to do for others what they could not do for themselves!"

On page 7 an article entitled "The Birth of a Bond --" is set forth. This article in the main reproduces Father Coughlin's address over the radio on April 7, 1940, dealing with an allegation that the Federal Reserve Banking System is a privately owned corporation and not a Government owned corporation as some persons believe. One paragraph at the beginning of this article is believed of interest and is quoted as follows:

"As we say elsewhere in this edition, a new order is in the making. The old order is dying. If that is true, America must get rid of its inefficient, illogical and individualistic system of finance."

On page 18 there is printed an article entitled "Will The President Succeed?" The first several paragraphs of this article apparently represent the opinions of the publisher with reference to this question and accordingly are quoted:

"Now that we are in this war for the duration, we are beginning to ask ourselves the vital question, 'Will President Roosevelt succeed?'

"There is scarcely a citizen of the United States who is apathetic towards Mr. Roosevelt. The majority are either vitally for him or vitally against him as President. In the former class are those who recognize the good he has accomplished for the poor; various groups of radicals; a large number of politicians and their appointees who live off the public treasury; racial groups; sectors of certain monopolies and industries; and many top-ranking financialists. These are with him because they like him.

"Another sector of his supporters is made up of those who are with him because they fear him. This latter group includes some churchmen, some industrialists, most of the tycoons identified with communications and transportation. All this group fear the powers which the President possesses -- powers conferred upon him by the various Congresses which he dominated.

"His supporters who stand by him because of his golden voice and mellifluous words are a deficit rather than an asset; for their kites are flown in the current breezes -- sometimes North, sometimes South.

"Those who oppose the President as President -- not as Commander-in-Chief -- are negligible. They form a cross-section of the country and are composed of industrialists, small bankers, small businessmen, farmers, racialists and many of the white-collared gentry. There is another group in this category made up of those who think his objectives may be good but regard his methods as bad; and others who think he is fulfilling the plans of Marxism, not those of Christian social justice.

"All these groups are negligible because they are in the minority."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF JANUARY 12, 1942.

On page 8 of this issue an editorial is printed under the title "What the War Will Do to You" and because of its import it is quoted as follows:

"Three and four years ago when Father Coughlin was predicting an all-out war with its total regimentation of men, women, materials and money, some of his best friends thought the poor padre of Royal Oak was moon-struck.

"Well, it's here. But it's here only in its immature beginnings.

"What will the next three or four years hold for you? Here is our prediction:

"(1) Every able-bodied man in the United States -- save a few chosen princes of privilege -- will be regimented.

"(2) An expeditionary army of approximately four to five million men will be trained, equipped and prepared to down Hitlerism either in Europe, Africa or Asia.

"(3) An industrial army of 45 to 50-million men will be regimented to serve in factories, mines, transportation and agriculture.

"(4) Outlawed will be strikes, sit-downs and, for all practical purposes, labor unions, including the C.I.O. and A.F.L. They will be put to bed with the Constitution.

"(5) Unnecessary production will be forbidden by law. Only that production will be tolerated which is directly associated with munitions, foodstuffs, medicines and materials needed to win an all-out war.

"(6) Forbidden will be the manufacture of motor cars, small trucks, household refrigerators, washing machines, ironers, vacuum cleaners and all peace-time equipment described as luxuries and conveniences.

"(7) Limited will be the use of electricity, fuel oil, gasoline and, when necessary, coal.

"(8) Closed will be shops dealing in exclusive furs, millinery, dresses, suits, haberdashery, jewelry -- except those who will be able to obtain a special license.

"(9) The national income -- three years hence -- will top \$150-billion a year. Seventy per cent of it -- at least -- will be used to finance the United States and Great Britain in their war efforts.

"(10) The incomes of the stay-at-home capitalists will be taxed almost to the vanishing point. The incomes of the factory and field workers will be cut approximately 60 per cent. Uncle Sam will demand factory workers, for example, to toil, sweat and bleed three days a week for the Government and three days a week for themselves.

"(11) The American standard of living will be reduced to the European standard of living in many ways -- if not all.

"(12) To conserve electricity, clocks will be pushed ahead from one to two hours.

"The above are some of the things which can be expected to happen in our all-out war to rid the world of all-out Hitlerism."

The back cover of this particular issue carries an editorial entitled "We Must Win." This editorial is quoted as follows:

"THE AMERICANISM of the United States Army, Navy and Air Force is sound--99 per cent sound.

"That is one thing we're sure about; because mighty few Communists, pinks, radicals or hand-clapping war-shouters volunteered their service or lost any opportunity to escape service.

"Many of the war-shouters, patterning themselves after Walter Winchell, will do their level best to fight the war behind the ramparts of a desk and swivel chair.

"An interesting analysis of the Army, Navy and Air Force personnel shows that 31 per cent are Roman Catholics; a slightly higher percentage are listed as Protestants; the remainder, for the most part, are Gentile Americans without any religious affiliation.

"By and large, not more than two or three per cent of our fighting men are Communists, pinks or radicals.

"The Communists' un-American policy is simple: 'Get set in stay-at-home jobs; find entrance into vital defense work; worm a way into Government.'

"How successfully this policy was carried out by the un-Americans is amazing to anyone who, for example, counts noses in Washington.

"And therein lies the menace to America.

"What will happen to our country while its best blood will be used abroad to crimson the fields of liberty?

"What will happen to protective laws which safeguard the rights of women and children?

"What will happen to the Constitution and to our republican form of government?

"What will happen to the Christian future of America?

"In this war of extermination, so specified by Stalin, Hitler, Churchill and Roosevelt, who will live to mold the future of our country?

"These are morbid questions, but questions which we must not fail to ask ourselves as we are committed to an all-out war and to an all-out peace following the war, even though American arms are victorious; even though Hitlerism and Tokyo-ism are crushed.

"Every decent person wants victory with justice.

"Every God-fearing patriot wants peace with justice.

"Meanwhile, are the Catholics, Protestants and all red-blooded Americans going to let the radicals run and ruin this country; going to let radical principles dominate the peace table?

"That can't be done.

"That must not happen.

"To win the war and lose the peace would be a worse defeat for us than if we fought the war to a draw.

"Therefore, Americans, Social Justice advises you to get into every patriotic organization in America. Join up. Be neither a slacker for war nor a slacker for peace.

"Join up with the Office of Civilian Defense. The radical influence is already there. It must be overcome and vanquished by your numbers and cohesive influence.

"If breast-beating radicals shout their patriotism, it's your duty to out-shout them.

"If Moscow-minded misfits seek responsible offices in organizations at home while your sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts are dying abroad, overwhelms them by your numbers and capture every office.

"Get out and get busy!

"You are the majority. Do not let the minority hog-tie and dominate you."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF JANUARY 19, 1942.

On page 2 of this issue an item entitled "Lincoln and the Bankers" is set forth. This item begins by relating a story regarding Abraham Lincoln and the demand made for profits by bankers during the Civil War, intimating that the same situation exists today. A pertinent excerpt is as follows:

"Millions of Americans have asked the question, 'How could the tragedy of Pearl Harbor occur? Where was our defense?'"

Following the above excerpt there is a statement taken from Prime Minister Winston Churchill's speech before the United States Congress on December 26, which sets out in effect that the disadvantage of the American military forces in the Pacific Ocean is due, in part, to aid given Great Britain. The excerpt set out hereinafter follows the quotation from Churchill's speech:

"We wonder if the American people don't feel that it is the duty of our Government to defend America first?"

On page 3 there is set forth an article entitled "God vs. Hitler--Roosevelt's Issue." Specific reference is made to the President's message to Congress on January 6 and to the statement, "The world is too small to provide adequate living room for both Hitler and God." With reference to this statement the following comment is made:

"The President's reference to God and Hitler was not adroit. At least he might have left God out of international politics. At least, if he insisted on dragging the Deity in, he could have mentioned the name of Stalin along with Hitler's."

Later in this same issue is an article entitled "Muddling Is Worse Than Pearl Harbor." One of the pertinent comments in this item is quoted as follows:

"Likely, Hitler offers up morning and evening prayers to the end that God will preserve in fine health the executives now directing America's industrial war efforts; for their bungling and bumbling are serving his cause admirably. Unless drastic action is taken immediately, Americans can prepare themselves for worse news than was announced from Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941."

On page 7 the following item is set forth in a box at the bottom of the page:

"Hush! Hush! on the Underfed. Instructions have been sent to officers in the Department of Agriculture to hush all references to the underfed one-third."

"It is embarrassing, evidently, to the Government to refer to the American unfortunates while every effort is being made to feed British, Bolsheviks and Chinese."

"The Red Cross, now campaigning for funds for foreigners and war-time unfortunates, could have done a wonderful job the past 10 years by expending its efforts domestically."

"Possibly, the Red Cross, like the bankers, is allergic to any operation in behalf of America first."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF JANUARY 26, 1942.

Page 3 of this issue is devoted to an article entitled "Rubber Shortage Was Planned That Way." This article deals with the alleged rubber monopoly and its control by international bankers. The following excerpt is contained in this article:

"Before we proceed further, let it be bluntly stated that besides fighting for liberty, our American boys will be expected to fight to regain the Malayan Peninsula not for the people of Malaya or Great Britain but for Sir John Hay and

his legalized gangsters who own or control the Malayan Peninsula and the rubber racket throughout the world."

Considerable reference is made in the above article to a cartel entered into by those wishing to control the rubber interests.

On page 8 an editorial entitled "U.S.A. to Outspend All Warring Nations" dealing with the cost of America's war effort, points out that \$56-billion are to be the war expenditures for the fiscal year 1943, and that this amounts to \$427.80 for every man, woman and child in the United States. It then purports to set out the expenditure by other nations, as follows:

Germany and occupied countries, \$30-billion.

United Kingdom, \$15-billion.

All the rest of the British Empire, \$3-billion.

Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, \$10-billion

Japan, \$3-billion.

Italy, \$2-billion.

On page 13 there is printed an editorial entitled "A Lesson to Learn From the Axis." The following paragraphs from this item are of interest:

"A great portion of our \$56-billion will go to American workmen. Very little of Japan's allotment goes to Japanese workmen. Japan can do with \$5-billion what we can't do with \$50-billion on this basis--particularly when we consider that there are no profits for the manufacturer, no profits for the banker, no profits for the commission agent in Japan."

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"Again we come back to our 16th principle of Social Justice--conscription of wealth if there is a conscription of men. Unless that principle is invoked, it is difficult to see how the United States can muddle through, even though we have the world's best

propagandists who are making themselves ridiculous in fighting Hitler with words and bombast rather than with swords and bombs."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 2, 1942.

Page 4 of this issue carries an item entitled "A Few Predictions Of the Future." This article is largely defeatist. The following excerpts are most prominent:

"And what does the next year hold for us?

"Though it be only our opinion, we are inclined to predict that both Britain and America will be driven from the Orient. The Philippines will be lost; so will the Malayan Peninsula. India will be a deficit rather than an asset to Britain. The Netherlands East Indies may still be under the flag of Holland, but will impress upon Britain and the United States the obligation of fighting a naval and air battle thousands of miles from their bases and only hundreds of miles from Axis ports.

"With Singapore gone, how can Britain and the Allied forces hold both Gibraltar and Suez? Another year's unsuccessful and muddled battling against the Axis powers in the Mediterranean theater of war most likely will find the British Navy either bottled-up or driven from the Mediterranean with both ends of that sea closed.

"Meanwhile, diplomatic victories on the part of Germany will have either persuaded Turkey, France and Spain to withdraw from giving any support--military, naval, air or moral--to the Allies or will have witnessed these powers joining with the Axis in a final drive to oust British imperialism and American capitalism from Europe."

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"We predict that this crucial year will find Hitler's Soviet Union lines established, since the German forces in 1941 destroyed three-quarters of Stalin's industrial power plants. It is true that the Bolsheviks have many power plants

on the western side of the Ural Mountains. Because these factories depend upon oil pumped from Iraq and Iran especially, it is probable that these two latter countries will fall under the blows of an Axis drive, thereby reducing the striking power of the Soviet Union.

"We predict a greater loss of face for the Allies in the Orient and among small nations whom we promised to help and failed to do so adequately. Even in London there is widespread discussion about the loss of face of the Allies in Asia due to their mismanagement of military affairs and to their misplaced confidence in naval power.

"Possibly no one knows this better than Mr. Churchill, who attempted to prepare the Allies for reverses during 1942.

"As the months of this year are unfolded the inferiority complex, if any, among the Orientals will gradually disappear, Japan will succeed in gaining oil fields. Possibly, the whites will be driven from Asia, victimized by a war of racial hatred.

"At home the shoe will pinch as millions of persons will recall the 'more abundant life' of the New Deal. Readjustments will be imposed upon us to such a degree that money will mean nothing more and nothing less than exchange created practically by presidential decree.

"It is inconceivable how hard-headed Englishmen will accept all these transformations without undergoing some modification of mind. Possibly, a demand for peace will filter through the machinery of manipulated propaganda when it is realized that the Axis powers cannot be defeated by strangulation and economic starvation. In fact, the Axis powers are in less danger of economic starvation in matters of oil, steel, raw materials, etc., than are the Allies who unfortunately are forced to fight the war thousands of miles from their bases of supplies.

"The enigma today is not Russia nor is it China, Turkey or France. Unpopular as it may be to say it, the great enigma is Britain herself.

"Will the United States be left alone, for all practical purposes, to fight the war to victory? We sincerely hope not, but let us be prepared to face such a situation, and make the best of it."

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 9, 1942.

On page 4 of this issue there is set forth an article entitled "What Will Roosevelt Tell the People?" The following excerpt from this article is represented:

"Washington's birthday is close at hand. Probably, the President of the United States will seize that occasion to address the American public on the subject of patriotism under the theme, 'We Must Win This War.'

"Mr. Roosevelt, we presume, is aware of the apathetic spirit dominating the minds of Americans who are engaged in a war for which they were not prepared and which they did not want.

"The date February 22nd is most inappropriate for the President's speech because it will recall memories of George Washington who fought against the spirit of the British Empire.

"What will Mr. Roosevelt say? He can report on his all-aid-to-Britain program and thereby remind the public of his too-little aid to Hawaii and the Philippines.

"He can report on the billions of dollars allocated for defense and thereby remind his audience of the muddling which has characterized our efforts during the life of the O.P.M.

"He can report on Associate Justice Roberts' report and thereby invite criticism for the Administration whitewash contained in that report.

"He can report on the several American Expeditionary Forces already in motion and thereby remind those in America of Irish descent of his partiality to Great Britain and her continued aggressions against Ireland.

"He can report on the battle of the Atlantic where tanker after tanker has been sunk almost within sight of America's coast.

"He can report on the heroism of General MacArthur and thereby invite the thinking public to consider what MacArthur could have done were our national efforts concentrated on saving America and the Philippines.

"He can report on the advances made by Joseph Stalin's troops in eastern Europe and thereby evoke a plenitude of wonderment as to why Stalin's Vladivostok bombers do not attack Tokyo."

On page 7 an article entitled "United States Invades Ireland" describes the recent landing of American troops in Northern Ireland. Two excerpts are representative of the import of this article. They are as follows:

"In the very first days of England's war, Social Justice Magazine was barred from Canada and other British dominions. Not because we had lied about British policy, not because our comment was not forthright and factual--but because we told the truth! Suppression of facts, and not the correction of abuses and injustice--has always been, and still is, the policy of the tight little clique of internationalists who 'use' the British Empire for their own purposes.

"The regret is, of course, that, owing to our close cooperation as an ally of Britain in the war against Hitler, the United States is more and more in danger of being drawn into the same net of falsehood."

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"Our fear at the moment is that American boys of the new A.E.F., many of them fine youths of Irish descent and good Catholics, may be sent to take the place of the 'Black and Tans,' whom even the British dare not use again. Let us hope it is a groundless fear, despite our President's slighting references to Ireland."

On page 15 an article entitled "British Policies Put Australia 'On the Spot'" deals with the present situation in Australia with reference to a possible Japanese invasion. The article in general attributes this situation to the fact that England has sapped the strength of Australia's defenses in defending its own interests. The following excerpt is indicative of the tenor of this article:

"The entire Australian predicament is impressing the American people with a lesson which our all-out-aid-for-Britain Government is not anxious for the people to learn. Day by day Americans are more inclined to adopt the principle of saving America first since the British Empire is unable to save itself.

"Our sympathy is extended to the Australians more than to many other nations engaged in this war. They were victimized by imperialism both abroad and at home. They were utilized to fight the mother country's battles to the neglect of their own safety."



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February 13, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

RE: FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
SPECIAL INQUIRY -
STATE DEPARTMENT

In connection with the captioned case, I telephonically contacted Special Agent Boyd of the Detroit Office on the evening of February 13, 1942 and requested that he submit to the Bureau, air mail, special delivery and marked for my attention, copies of some recent speeches of Father Coughlin. I pointed out to Mr. Boyd that copies of these speeches should be obtained without any publicity or possible embarrassment to the Bureau, that they should be submitted to the Bureau as expeditiously as possible and I further pointed out to him that we are primarily interested in the speeches which Father Coughlin has made since the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Mr. Boyd stated that he would obtain the desired copies as soon as possible and submit them to the Bureau air mail, special delivery.

Very truly yours,

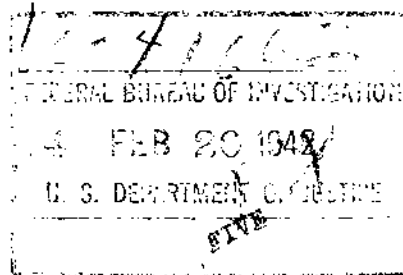
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Little Flower, Royal Oak, Michigan, in which capacity he has served since 1928. I have taken this occasion to prepare for you the attached memorandum setting forth a brief personal history of Father Coughlin and the background of the Social Justice Publishing Company which publishes and distributes Father Coughlin's magazine "Social Justice".

I have included in this memorandum statements from each weekly issue of "Social Justice" distributed since the beginning of the war, stressing primarily those that tend to create disunity in the minds of its readers and distrust of the present Government leaders. "Social Justice" magazine is the only medium of expression possessed by Father Coughlin at the present time outside of his sermons, as an ordained Priest of the Roman Catholic Church, which are given at the Shrine of the Little Flower. He has not given addresses over the radio for approximately the past two years, nor has he engaged in any other speaking activities that have come to the attention of this Bureau. Consequently, I am unable to attach any speeches made by him. As will be noted in the attached memorandum, Father Coughlin is continuing his criticism of the American Government and its officials, perhaps tempered somewhat but nevertheless in the same manner as before the war. He is continuing his strong criticism of Communism and alleges Communist infiltration into Governmental agencies. He also apparently has not changed his stand with respect to anti-Semitism. His main stock in trade is the quoting of newspaper clippings from recognized American newspapers and portions of speeches by the Administration leaders on which he comments in

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line with his policies. He is still campaigning against the Federal Reserve System and the American Monetary System, claiming that to win this war and the subsequent peace a change will have to result.

In accordance with your authorization, this Bureau is continuing its investigation of Father Coughlin and in the event any pertinent information is received indicating a possible violation of the wartime Sedition Statutes, it will be immediately brought to the attention of the Criminal Division.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
SPECIAL INQUIRY STATE DEPARTMENT

For record purposes in connection with the preparation of the acknowledgment of the memorandum dated February 13, 1942, from the Attorney General, the following details are set forth:

Who's Who for 1940 and 1941 reflect that Charles Edward Coughlin was born of American parentage in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on October 25, 1891. His father was Thomas J., and his mother Amelia Mahoney Coughlin. He was an honor graduate from the University of Toronto in 1911, and received the degree of LL.D. from the University of Notre Dame in 1933. He was ordained as a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1916 and was a teacher of Philosophy at Assumption College, Western University, from 1916 to 1922. He has been the Pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Woodward Avenue and Twelve Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan, since 1926.

In view of the fact that his citizenship status was not definitely established, Mr. Glendening of the Immigration and Naturalization Service was contacted. He advised that Charles Edward Coughlin, born October 25, 1891, filed a Declaration of Intention to become an American citizen in the Courts of Wayne County, Michigan, on June 12, 1923. It was apparent from this Declaration that the applicant and the above captioned subject were in fact identical. However, the Immigration files reflect that Father Coughlin is considered an American citizen by reason of the fact that he was born outside the United States of American parents who had, prior to his birth, resided in the United States.

The Detroit Field Office, upon the specific request of Mr. Ladd, advised telephonically on February 13, 1942, that Father Coughlin had not made any speeches on the radio during the past two years, nor had he in any other way participated in speaking engagements other than his sermons at the Shrine of the Little Flower. Consequently, it was impossible to obtain copies of any speeches. "Social Justice" magazine is Father Coughlin's present medium of expression and copies were available with the

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exception of December 15 and December 22, 1941, issues. The Detroit Field Office was requested to obtain these two periodicals and review them. In accordance with this request, Special Agent E. J. Wynn furnished the writer at 10:00 A. M., on February 15, 1942, the information taken from these two issues, which appeared in the summary memorandum dated February 14, 1942, attached to the Memorandum for the Attorney General dated February 16, 1942.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. A. Flinn".

D. A. Flinn

CC: Mr. Tamm
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Spear

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January 29, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

This Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the Department of State, directing attention to the January 10, 1942, issue of "The Hour," an anti-Nazi publication distributed from 100 East 42nd Street, New York City. The particular item referred to was that dealing with Father Charles E. Coughlin, and for your full information in this regard there is quoted hereinafter the excerpt from the above periodical, dealing with this individual:

"Father Charles E. Coughlin, who has long served as a reliable barometer of native fascist trends, summarizes the new Fifth Column line in the current issues of his publication, Social Justice. The December 22, 1941, issue attacks the Administration for inefficiency and lack of preparedness; describes Great Britain as a country whose aims are identical to those of Japan; and pictures the failure of the Soviet Union to launch an immediate attack upon Tokyo as a deliberate betrayal of the anti-Axis forces. With characteristic hypocrisy, the fascist priest delivers his seditious message in the name of "patriotism." His shabby cynicism reaches a high point in an article entitled 'Let's Have Confidence,' published in the December 29, 1941, issue of Social Justice. The article opens with the statement: 'On all sides, as a result of the Pearl Harbor debacle, unnecessary misgivings are cropping up about our ability to carry war successfully into the Orient.' These misgivings, the priest of Royal Oak goes on to say, should be discarded: '...we say to our readers -- have confidence. At the helm stands President Roosevelt, who is Commander-in-Chief of Army and Navy.' And the President, Coughlin observes, is surrounded by a number of 'geniuses whose ability is unquestioned and whose loyalty in this crisis is above suspicion.' The article lists a score of these 'geniuses.' The names, almost without exception, are Jewish. In all cases, the individuals named have been subject to vitriolic slander in past issues of Social Justice. No Coughlinite will fail to understand the treasonable implications of this snide Jew-baiting."

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Later in this periodical the following excerpt appears:

"CHRISTIAN FRONT INVADES CIVILIAN DEFENSE GROUPS

"Christian Fronters, acting under instructions from Father Charles E. Coughlin and his Fifth Column lieutenants, are flocking into civilian defense organizations. Their plan is to dominate these organizations by sheer weight of numbers, capture every possible office, and in this way place themselves in a most strategic position to sabotage civilian defense work and spread dissension and panic when the 'right time' arrives.

"The Hour is reliably informed that in Brooklyn, N. Y., a number of civilian defense groups are already in danger of being taken over by Christian Front stormtroopers, notorious in the past for their collaboration with the German-American Bund and other Nazi agencies.

"Orders From Social Justice

"The January 12 issue of Social Justice brings the campaign into the open when it commands the Coughlinite army to transfer its forces en masse into civilian defense groups and other patriotic organizations. The center spread of the fascist journal carries this message in beld type: 'Americans! Join All Patriotic Organizations; Keep America Christian!' The order is given in more detail on the rear page in an editorial entitled 'We Must Win,' which includes this passage:

"' ... Social Justice advises you to get into every patriotic organization in America. Join up. Be neither a slacker for war nor a slacker for peace. Join up with the Office of Civilian Defense. The radical influence is already there. It must be overcome and vanquished by your members and cohesive influence ...

"If Moscow-misfits seek responsible offices in organizations at home while your sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts are dying abroad, overwhelm them by your numbers and capture every office. Get out and get busy! You are the majority. Do not let the minority hog-tie and dominate you.'"

"Christian Fronters, who have plotted untiringly against the Government of the United States, are openly boasting they have found the ideal war-time vehicle for their seditious activities."

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On the basis of the above, the Department of State expressed the opinion that this Bureau should investigate carefully the activities of the Christian Front, along with the activities of Father Charles E. Coughlin, as directed through his newspaper "Social Justice."

I would appreciate a decision from you as to whether this Bureau should comply with the request of the Department of State in the above regard.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Mr. Holloman	✓
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Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

In reply refer to
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PERSONAL AND
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

According to the January 10 issue of The Hour, the Christian Fronters, acting under instructions from Father Coughlin, are preparing to sabotage the civilian defense program.

It is the opinion of this Department that the Bureau should investigate carefully the activities of the Christian Fronters along with the activities of Father Coughlin as directed through his paper, Social Justice.

Sincerely yours,

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,

Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
SPECIAL INQUIRY -
STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tolson ☒
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For your information the January 19, 1942, issue of "Social Justice," the national weekly magazine published at Royal Oak, Michigan, by Father Coughlin, contained a lengthy article entitled "Politicians Put Pearl Harbor Blame on F.B.I." The article dealt with the situation existing at Pearl Harbor with reference to fifth column activities and reviewed the charges made in the press against you and your administration of the FBI by John O'Donnell. Also set forth the comments of Pearson and Allen with reference to this Bureau's efforts to prosecute 250 Japanese consular agents, which attempt was blocked by General Short. Other items, such as the arrest of two Japanese spies for espionage and their subsequent release by the State Department, were also reviewed. The comment was made that politicians were interested in placing the blame for the disaster upon you.

After reviewing the entire situation, it is stated that it could be easily understood how Japanese agents continue to operate without molestation and why the FBI "did not produce results." Further that the blame for the Pearl Harbor debacle does not rest upon "the conscientious J. Edgar Hoover but on those who sabotaged his efforts."

In conclusion it was stated that "if the latter succeed in making the F.B.I. chief the scapegoat for their own errors, America will witness the passing of an efficient F.B.I. and its replacement by a streamlined political O.G.P.U." and that Axis fifth-columnists are no more dangerous than the Marxists who have insinuated themselves into the Federal Government.

This article is being brought to your attention since you will probably recall that an investigation was recently requested of the Detroit Office of the activities of Father Coughlin, upon the request of the State Department and upon the authorization of the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 2, 1942

Transmit the following message to:

SAC-DETROIT

FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, INTERNAL SECURITY-C, SPECIAL
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IMMEDIATELY DATE INITIAL REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED.

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SNOW. FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, INTERNAL SECURITY G, SPECIAL
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Mrs. Jerome Meyer
93-40 Queens Boulevard
Forest Hills
Long Island, New York

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Dear Mrs. Meyer:

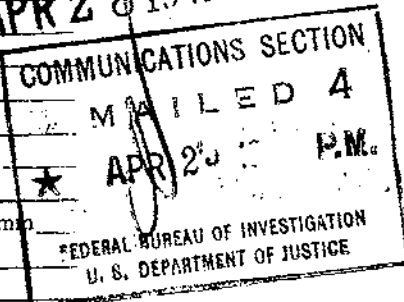
I wish to advise that your letter of recent date has been received at this Bureau by reference from the White House.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this matter to the attention of the Federal Government are indeed appreciated. You may be assured that the contents of your letter has been noted and will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Fount Hills L.I.

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Dear President Roosevelt:

Would like to know why
men like Father Coughlin are
still being permitted to write
their trash and publish an
issue as despicable as that
"Social Justice"

Why can't someone get
after Coughlin and put him
where he can't be heard
after all this is war time,
as we are well aware, and
he is nothing but a

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Coughlin.

Thank you for reading
this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs Jerome Meyer
MRS. J. R. MEYER

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specifically to issue
of Feb, 1st Social Justice
so called Editorial

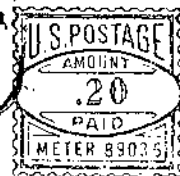
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The New York Telegram
Feb 5th ran a column on
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that someone else noticed
Roughlin's epistane.

I feel that there are
more U. S. citizens harming
this country than the aliens
who are now being registered.
I would like to see

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41 EAST 11TH STREET

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President - D Roosevelt

White House

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April 22, 1942

Mr. Meyer Poster
1232 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Poster:

I wish to acknowledge your letter which was received
in this Bureau on March 6, 1942.

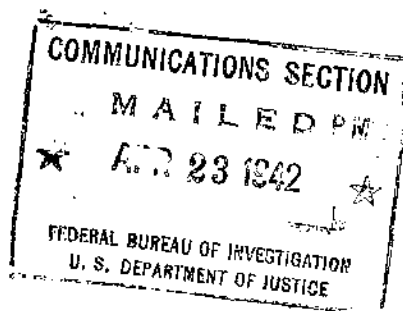
Your courtesy and interest in writing me of your views
in connection with this matter are, I want you to know, sincerely
appreciated. I am taking the liberty of transmitting copies of
your communication to the Alien Enemy Control and the Special
Defense Units of the Department of Justice inasmuch as the informa-
tion contained therein may be of value to those agencies. As you
may know, these Units are concerned with the administration of the
legal aspects of the presently existing National Defense Statutes.

You may be assured further that the content of your
communication is being given appropriate consideration by this
Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Gentlemen

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As a citizen and
a patriot it is my
duty to report
to you about a
Fifth Column
This Fifth Column
is no other than
what is called a
"priest" Father
Coughlin He is
not only a Fifth
Columnist but
also a man who
sends out Fifth
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in front of
churches. Every
Sunday. Some
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seriously because
he is called a
"priest" they think
he can do no
wrong. In time
of war we need
unity not dis-
union. In his
"Social Justice"
he is always
condemning the
English and Russians
killed or thousands
of English men and
Russians suffering
and are falling
on the battle field

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every day but
Father's English
don't give a damn
should England
and Russia lose
this war we would
be circled around
for ever and
ever. He is too dog-
one fresh in the
way he is insulting
the Jewish people
they suffer plenty
I am surprised that
he should be allow-
ed among other
groups of citizens
to treat all the
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sed that is not

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MEYER POSTER

in jail. The sooner
he is arrested the
better will be for
our country.
Father Connelley is
a holy devil, he is
an other's Reputation

He just calls himself
a priest to get away
with murder.
He is not a priest
and not a Christ-
ian, but a traitor.
His main purpose
is to create race
hate and blood
shed. Well that
will be all yours
travels in ever



BUY
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F. B. I.

Washington D. C.

Meyer Porter 1232 So
Wabash Ave
Chicago Ill.

(Postmarked Chicago, Illinois
March 5, 1942)

Gentlemen:

As a citizen and a patriot it is my duty to report to you about a fifth Column. This fifth Column is no other than this So Called A "priest" Father Coughlin. He is not only a fifth Column but also making thousands of good citizens into traitors. He sends boys to sell his unAmerican Magazines "Social Justice" in front of churches every Sunday. Some people take him seriously because he so called a "priest" they think he can do no wrong. In time of wars we need Unity not disunity. In his "Social Justice" he is always insulting the English and Russians. There are thousands of English men and Russian suffering and falling on the battle field every day, but Father Coughlin don't give a damn. Should England and Russia would be circled around in the way he is insinuating.

I am surprised that he should be allowed among other group of citizens to create all that hate. I am surprised that is not in jail. The sooner he is arrested the better will be for our country. Father Coughlin is a holy devil, he is another Rasputin.

He just calls himself a priest to get away with murder. He is not a priest and not a Christian, but a traitor. His main purpose is to create race riots and blood shed. Well, that will be all. Yours truly Meyer

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There are transmitted herewith for your information
and whatever consideration deemed appropriate, copies of a
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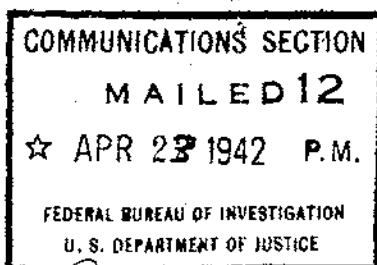
The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARD J. ENNIS
DIRECTOR, ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

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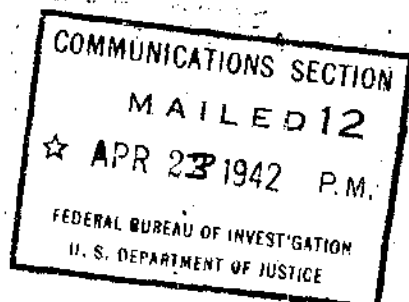
The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1942

Mr. Tolson _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
SPECIAL INQUIRY STATE DEPARTMENT

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Special Agent George Burton, while carrying on liaison work with the office of the Coordinator of Information, received the attached request with reference to the circulation of "Social Justice" national weekly published by Father Coughlin, through the medium of the Social Justice Publishing Company at Royal Oak, Michigan.

SAC Bugas at Detroit was contacted telephonically at 9:30 A.M. on February 18, 1942, and requested to ascertain the circulation of "Social Justice" and if possible a break down of its distribution by mail and public sale. In accordance with this request SAC Bugas contacted the writer at 3:20 P. M. on the same date and advised that he was having lunch the following day with E. Perrin Schwartz, Editor of "Social Justice," with whom he had come in contact previously and whom he was endeavoring to cultivate for Bureau purposes. He was advised at that time that the request previously made could be delayed until the following day.

In the afternoon of February 19, 1942, at approximately 4:00 P. M., SAC Bugas contacted the writer and advised that he had had lunch that day with Schwartz, the Editor of "Social Justice," who had appeared quite affable and sincere throughout the engagement.

It was casually determined that "Social Justice" at present time has a circulation of approximately 200,000 copies. At the time Father Coughlin was broadcasting regularly over the radio, the circulation was a height of some 800,000. The circulation, however, was gradually decreased to the present number of the 200,000 issues distributed. 30,000 are distributed in Detroit and vicinity. The other main centers of distribution are New York City, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California. Schwartz has been Editor of this periodical for a period of six years and formerly the Sunday Editor of the Milwaukee Journal.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Considerable other general information was obtained from Schwartz, which will be included in the first investigative report submitted in the above captioned case.

It was believed by SAC Bugas that the 200,000 figure suggested by Schwartz may be a slight exaggeration but is essentially accurate in view of the fact that this would not be an unusually large figure for distribution throughout the entire United States.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

This material should be forwarded to Special Agent George Burton so that he may bring the pertinent portions to the attention of the office of the Coordinator of Information for such use as may be desired.

Respectfully,

D. A. Flinn

D. A. Flinn

[Signature]

We are particularly anxious to learn the circulation of "Social Justice", national weekly published by Father Coughlin in Royal Oak, Michigan.

May we suggest that F.B.I. would be able to secure this information without very much trouble. In the first place, the Post Office Department would know positively the number of copies sent through the mails, but beyond the mail edition there is a very large distribution which could be ascertained only by learning the total print order. Whether the U. S. Government authorities have the right to demand this information or would have to get it by subversive means, we do not know.

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February 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL BRIGGS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 8, 1942, designated 62-11100-38, which requested that the Criminal Division be furnished with any information in the files of this Bureau concerning E. Perrin Schwartz and Gora Quinlan.

A search of the files has been made in accordance with your request, and with reference to Gora Quinlan, it has been noted that no information is available other than repeated references to her as Secretary-Treasurer of the Social Justice Publishing Company. It is apparent that all routine business letters of the company, such as requests for renewal of subscriptions to "Social Justice", appeals for funds, etc. are sent out over her signature. The January 12, 1942 issue of "Social Justice", (Volume Nine, Number Two) stated that Gora Quinlan was Secretary-Treasurer.

The material relating to E. Perrin Schwartz noted in the course of a search of the files has been incorporated in a separate memorandum, copies of which are transmitted herewith.

It has been noted that the Social Justice Publishing Company was originally incorporated on February 14, 1936, at which time the sole owner of stock was The Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, who also signed the articles of incorporation. On March 19, 1940, a supplemental registration was filed which showed the officers as E. Perrin Schwartz, President; Edward Einsky, Vice President; and Catherine Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer. There is no information in the files to indicate the extent of control which Father Coughlin may have retained in the corporation. Subsequent to the receipt of your memorandum, an investigation has been authorized by the Attorney General in the course of which the relationship between Father Coughlin and the Social Justice Publishing Company will be determined.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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February 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM

RE: E. PERRIN SCHWARTZ

Under date of March 9, 1932 information was received that one E. Schwartz, 208 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California allegedly promoted the sale of 7000 shares of stock in a Los Angeles corporation on the basis of fraudulent financial statements and the allegation that this stock had been placed on the New York Curb market. It was also alleged that this Schwartz was an ex-convict, having served time in Illinois. No identifying data are available by which this man could be determined specifically as identical with the E. Perrin Schwartz, subject of this memorandum who was stated to be the President of the Social Justice Publishing Company, Royal Oak, Michigan, in a statement filed on behalf of the publishing company on March 19, 1940. (36-0-214;65-4279-854)

The Social Justice Publishing Company referred to above was originally incorporated in Michigan on February 14, 1936. The sole owner of stock at that time was Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, Twelve Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan, who was listed as owning ten shares. On this same date one Catherine Wilson was appointed a resident agent in Royal Oak by E. Perrin Schwartz. There was no indication at the time of the filing of this original statement, of the connection between Schwartz and the Social Justice Publishing Company other than his apparent power to appoint a resident agent. As noted above this statement was subsequently supplemented on March 19, 1940, at which time Schwartz was stated to be President. (65-4279-854)

In the "New Masses" for November 28, 1939, John L. Spivak alleged that E. Perrin Schwartz, Editor of Social Justice, had been interviewed and that it appeared that Schwartz was a technical man and had nothing to say about the policy or make-up of the magazine. It was asserted that Father Coughlin determined the policy of the magazine and of the publishing company. (65-4279-637 P. 11)

Further in his article in the "New Masses", Spivak alleged that certain anti-Semitic articles published in "Social Justice" over the by-line of "Ben Harbin" were actually written by E. Perrin Schwartz and Joseph Patrick Wright. (65-4279-637 P. 13)

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On June 16, 1941, a confidential source advised that a personal contact with E. Perrin Schwartz, Editor of Social Justice Magazine, had resulted in obtaining information that George Sylvester Viereck, prominent German propagandist, had written an article, "The Temptation of Jonathan", reprinted in the August 29, 1936 issue of "Social Justice." According to the informant, Schwartz advised that Viereck had never written for "Social Justice", but that all material by Viereck ever published in "Social Justice" had consisted of reprints of extracts. (97-391-122; Rept. SA J.H. Nicholson, 7/21/41 Detroit)

On December 3, 1941, information was received from a confidential source with relation to "the source of propaganda printed by Schwartz at Royal Oak, Michigan". This source was of the opinion that "Social Justice" was backed by Father Coughlin and was "suspicious that German money is in it". (94-8-192-29; H. Murphy, South Miami, Florida)

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WB:NTE:BM

January 8, 1942.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: "Social Justice",
Sedition.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 30, 1941, transmitting copies of a letter dated December 19, 1941, addressed to Colonel William J. Donovan by Mr. George J. Mintzer, 39 Broadway, New York, New York, together with copies of its inclosure, being a memorandum concerning the publication "Social Justice".

It is the view of the Criminal Division that the statements contained in "Social Justice" as set forth in the said memorandum submitted by Mr. Mintzer, do not constitute a violation of any Federal criminal statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

It is requested that the Criminal Division be furnished with any information in the files of the Bureau concerning E. Perrin Schwartz and Cora Quinlan, listed as Editor and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of "Social Justice", and the Social Justice Publishing Company, listed as publisher of "Social Justice".

It is also requested that a discreet investigation be conducted to determine the present connection, if any, between Father Coughlin and the publication "Social Justice", if such information is not already available in the files of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 12, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tolson _____
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The writer, while discussing other matters with SAC Bugas of the Detroit Field Office, requested advice as to when a report would be forwarded in the above-captioned matter. He stated that due to the pressure of other expedite matters, a report would not be forthcoming before the end of the week or the first part of next week.

It was pointed out to SAC Bugas that it is extremely desirable that this matter be given expeditious and continuous attention, and that as of that time the initial report had not been submitted by his Office. He advised that every effort would be made to comply with the above request.

Respectfully,

D. A. Flinn

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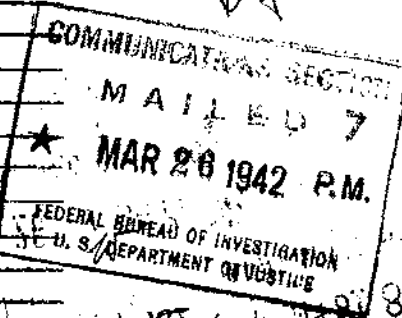
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I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated March 16, 1942, with enclosure, and to express my sincere appreciation for your courtesy and interest in bring it to my attention.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is exerting every possible effort under the existing national defense statutes to protect the Nation's internal security from all subversive elements. I believe you would be interested to know that we value any information which is relevant to our work. I hope that in the future you will continue to refer to me any additional data which you think of interest to us.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
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JUSTIN ROLLMAN *Prof.*

March 16, 1942

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thought you might be interested
in the enclosed editorial which appeared in the
Cincinnati Post last Friday. It seems to me that
this is a most serious matter and should be given
due consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Justin Rollman

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Loyal Americans says the cause is worth any price we must pay.

Father Coughlin dissents.

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A Chicago woman is suing her grocer-husband for divorce. Must be pretty independent to leave a grocer these days.

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Royal Oak, Mich.

TO— The Rev. Joseph Spahn
St. Columban's Catholic Church.
Hanyang, Hupsh, China

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claiming he is an agent of the International Jew bankers.

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When this country was neutral this guy didn't
worry me. Now that we are in it he should
be keeping Browder, Kuhn, Pelley, etc.
company.

I have sick since Friday
Night. I will call you

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Gentlemen

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We are all proud of
our F. B. I. We think you are
doing a good job under the circumstances
and we realize the tremendous job you
have on your hands.

You have always been suc-
cessful in getting your man. A little gap
in some far corner of the country
is picked up for having a camera.
Soon you are able to get all the
evidence and the dirty gap gets
what he ~~deserves~~

F. B. I. Charles Coughlin

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L. Jasselle, under the present
conditions, that ~~Charles Coughlin~~
is still being allowed to spread
his insidious propaganda against
the best interests of our country and
sons are bound well continue to die
for the freedom of this land, gladly,

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and this Nazi mouthpiece seems
to have no trouble in getting
financing to spread his anti-
Americanism and to fight us
instead of our enemies.

where is the logic?

where is our sense of justice?

I am a Citizen
who pays his taxes
and has a son
who soon may be
called into the Army
and asked to give his
life to defend our
Country.

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Stop this! America's Hitler now or stop the war now.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ Norbert H. Kahan

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and reasons based on reluctance to change state book-keeping. For whom, after all, are the books kept?

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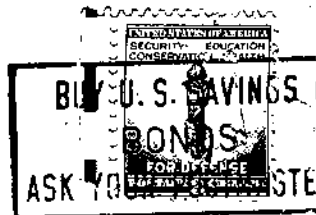
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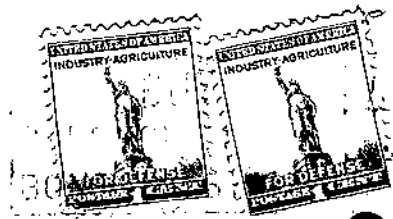
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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter, with enclosure, dated March 23, 1942.

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I am taking the liberty of referring copies of your communication to the Office of the Attorney General, inasmuch as the data contained therein may be of interest to that Office. You may be assured, further, that the content of your letter is being given appropriate consideration by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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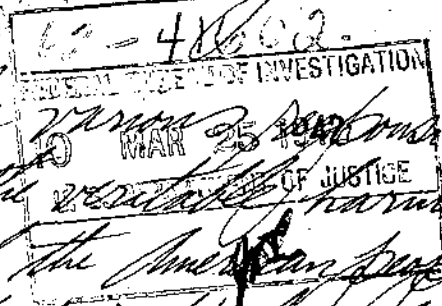
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Sincerely yours,
NORBERT M. KAHAN

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April 4, 1942

Mr. Peter J. Smith
159 West 71st Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

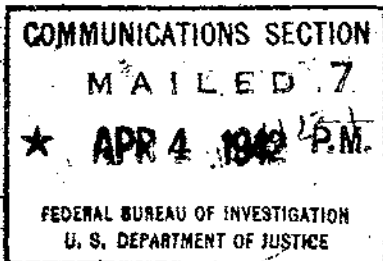
I wish to acknowledge your communication which was received at this Bureau on March 28, 1942.

Your courtesy and interest in writing me in this regard are indeed appreciation, and you may be assured that the content of your communication is being given appropriate consideration by this Bureau.

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Federal Bureau
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Washington D.C.

159 W. 71 St. N. Y. C.

Dear Sirs.

Your Bureau is doing fine work
in rounding up the fifth-columnists, but
Patrick Coughlin and his mob are the worst
enemies we have and they operate freely.
Can't something be done?

Sincerely Peter J. Smith

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Charles E. O'Connell

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April 11, 1942

Miss Mary B. Hartt
607 West 137th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Hartt:

I wish to advise that your letter of recent date has been received at this Bureau by reference from the White House.

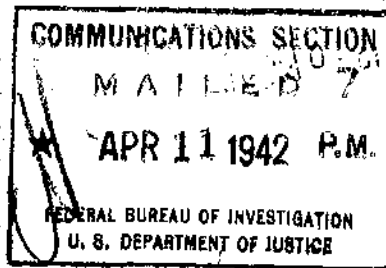
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MISS MARY B. HARTT
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NEW YORK, N. Y.

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M. M. Hartt

According to the Record

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Dear Sirs -

March, 29, 1942

While your department is rounding up American Fascists, 5th Columnists & other like trouble-makers, I was wondering what you were doing about Father Coughlin whose recent years has been spreading & disseminating so much Anti-Semitic & Pro-Nazi-Fascist propaganda. I know that you will not, for obvious reasons, give me this information, but I was only suggesting an investigation of Father Coughlin and his activities in case you had not all ready made such an investigation.

Yours truly,

Carl Ogden

1109 Avenue A, N.Y.

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Headlines

The Hon. Father Chas. Coughlin of
Royal-Oak, Mich. has a powerful
representation in this city and is in
contact with former Bund leaders who are
at present employed in defense work.

It will pay to investigate.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover,
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I think it imperative
that your department investigate
ate Father Coughlin and his 1942
social Justice. He has a definite
ite goal - the destruction of
our democracy and the enslavement
ment of all our people. His
method is the same as that of
Hitler and his gang; distortion
of facts, lies, blaming every-
thing on a small minority of our
people, etc. He is very dangerous
because he has a great deal of in-
fluence over a large number of our
population whom he incites to a
high pitch of violence against their
neighbors, their government and
their president.

We cannot possibly win this
native fascists like Father
Coughlin sabotaging our war effort

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in our homes, in our camps etc.

He must have some powerful financial backers and I am inclined to think one of them is Henry Ford.

How much longer are we going to allow our native fascists

the liberty to destroy us. Germany Italy, Russia and Japan don't have any fifth columnists, they killed theirs long ago, and thats why they can carry on their war so successfully. The least we can do is to stop our native fascists from publishing subversive propaganda and to put them all in jail where they belong.

I urge you to investigate this creature who hides behind the dress of a priest; but who talks the talk of a devil.

Sincerely Yours,

(T. Kahn)

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Dear Sirs: - Father Coughlin's
"Social Justice" and must agree

I have just finished reading
articles about the writing of
Father Coughlin's "Social
Justice" and must agree
with P.M. (New York Paper
writing the article) that
either Father Coughlin is
a madman or a traitor.

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I might a copy of "Social
Justice in Newark N.J. (out
side of Cambridge) and was
surprised that a man of
such teachings could allow
himself to be associated
with such filth.

I whole heartedly agree
with you that Father Coughlin
and his "Social Justice" should
be investigated and dealt with
if proven a menace.

Yours truly,
Leon Shatt
Occupation Powder

Sincerely
Leon Shatt
242 S. Ave
Highland Park Ind

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March 31, 1942.

J. Edgar Hoover
My dear Sir:

after reading an article on Father Coughlin,
in to day's P.M. I'm wondering if you are doing
your job, for all the people, or do you discriminate?
I hope not for the Country's sake.

Respectfully yours,

A. Kleimer
1949 Madison Ave N.Y.C.

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1949 McGraw Avenue
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April 15, 1942

Mr. S. Kleiner
1949 McGraw Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kleiner:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 31, 1942. Your courtesy and interest in writing me in this regard are indeed appreciated.

In connection with the content of your communication, I desire to point out that this Bureau is exerting every effort under the existing national defense statutes to safeguard the internal security of our country.

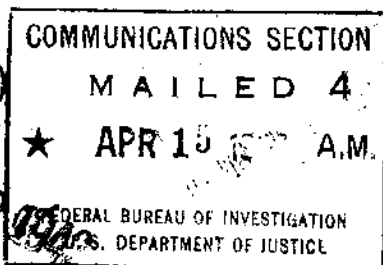
In the event you have any data in your possession which you deem indicative of un-American activities, please feel free to communicate with me or the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Field Division, which is located at 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

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There are transmitted herewith for your information
and whatever consideration deemed appropriate, copies of a
communication addressed to this Bureau on March 31, 1942,

by Mr. Joseph Gensberg, 1764 Wyco Avenue, New York, New York.

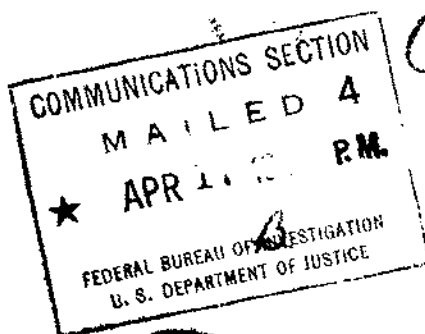
The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 16, 1942



Mr. Joseph Genberg
1764 Vyse Avenue
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Genberg:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter
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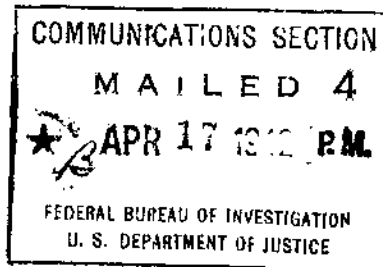
Your courtesy and interest in writing me in
this regard are, I want you to know, sincerely appreciated.
I am taking the liberty of forwarding copies of your
communication to the Special Defense Unit of the Depart-
ment of Justice, inasmuch as the information contained
therein may be of value to that Unit.

I desire to point out that this Bureau is exerting
every possible effort under the existing national defense
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In the event that you secure any data which you believe will
contribute toward this end, please feel free to communicate
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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1764 Vyse Ave.
New York, N.Y.
March 31, 1942

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

When are you going to investigate, and clamp down on Charles E. Coughlin? What is the use of fighting National Socialism across 3,000 miles of water when the NATIONAL Union for SOCIAL Justice spreads the same intellectual mustard gas at home. As a taxpayer, I would like to know what your men are getting ~~their~~ salaries for. I think some of them may be too familiar with the insides of night clubs and not enough with the foul dens where the ruin of American democracy is being plotted.

I would like to hear the eagle scream into the ears of these gentlemen "10 to 20 years in Atlanta." Mr. Hoover, get after these men and you will have the blessings of millions of Americans of all races and creeds.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Joseph Genberg

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1764 Vice Ave.
New York, N.Y.
March 31, 1942

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Joseph Penberg



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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WENDELL KERCH

At this time there is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent Earl J. Wynn, dated March 17, 1948, at Detroit, Michigan, regarding "Father Charles E. Coughlin, Internal Security-S, Special Inquiry State Department". This investigation was made at the special request of the Department of State with the approval of the Attorney General. It is believed that some of the information contained therein with reference to the Social Justice Publishing Company, and E. Perrin Schwartz, Editor of "Social Justice" may be of interest to you at this time.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1508 E. 21 St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

31 March 1942

Gentlemen:

I have just finished listening to Mr. Cecil Brown's very informative a/c of Fifth Col. Axis Activities in all countries of Europe & Asia which they prepared for their kill. He claims he opens the same activity here. In view of his keen reports as a CBS reporter abroad I think he ought to be utilized immediately for he has a backgd. of experience & a well developed "NOSE" for just this sort of pernicious activity.

May I also commend to your attention the utterly convincing proof of the VERY OBVIOUS TREASON now being practiced by Fr. Coughlin--Social Justice & his tribe in the N.Y. paper "P.M.". ACT NOW! STOP IT!

/s/ Chas. Haskel

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 3/17/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/5,6,14/42	REPORT MADE BY EARL J. WYNN	ie
TITLE FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G; SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Excerpts from various publications, particularly those which are anti-Coughlin, indicate that Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN has been active in Christian Front Organization. Approximately 165,000 copies of "Social Justice" distributed weekly. Policies of "Social Justice" are those of COUGHLIN, although articles actually written by E. PERRIN SCHWARTZ, the editor. The Radio League of the Little Flower earned \$1,163,422 in years 1937 through 1940.

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DETAILS:

Reference letter from the Bureau reflects that the publication known as "The Hour" carried an article captioned, "Christian Front Invades Civilian Defense Groups." The article stresses the fact that members of the Christian Front, acting under instructions from Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN and his fifth column lieutenants, are flocking into civilian defense organizations, their plan being to dominate these organizations by sheer weight of numbers. The article further says that "The Hour" has been reliably informed that in Brooklyn, New York, a number of civilian defense groups are already in danger of being taken over by Christian Front storm troopers, notorious in the past for their collaboration with the German-American Bund and other Nazi agencies.

A quotation is taken from the publication known as "Social Justice", which was founded in 1936 by Father COUGHLIN. The quoted article as it appears in the publication "The Hour" is as follows:

"Social Justice advises you to get into every patriotic organization in America. Join up. Be neither a slacker for war nor a slacker for peace. Join up with the Office of Civilian Defense. The radical influence is already there. It must be overcome and vanquished by your members and cohesive influence...

"If Moscow-misfits seek responsible offices in organizations at home while your sons, brothers, husbands, and sweethearts are dying abroad, overwhelm them by your numbers and capture every office. Get out and get busy! You are the majority. Do not let the minority hog-tie and dominate you."

"The Hour" has this to say about the plea of Father COUGHLIN: "Christian Fronters, who have plotted untiringly against the Government of the United States, are openly boasting they have found the ideal war-time vehicle for their seditious activities."

Upon the basis of the allegations made in "The Hour" it would appear that at the inception of this investigation there be established the connection, if any, existing between Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN and the organization known as the Christian Front.

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In the files of the Detroit Field Office in the case entitled "WILLIAM GERALD BISHOP, With Aliases; Et Al. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, SEDITION CONSPIRACY, THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY", New York being the office of origin, there is contained information with respect to the organization and activities of the group known as the Christian Front. It is not believed that the information presently available to the Detroit Field Office is entirely complete. However, that information which is readily available in the files is being digested hereinafter.

The Christian Front, as an organization of Christians to combat Communists, was first discussed in New York City by HARRY and JOSEPH THORNE. One MARCEL HONORE, who at one time had been connected with the Communist Party and who had literary ability, was contacted by the THORNES. Thereafter contact was made with certain of the Paulist Fathers in New York City and through this contact the services of WALTER OGDEN, an employee at the Paulist Fathers Home in New York City, were engaged as treasurer. Shortly thereafter units of this organization were organized in Manhattan, the Bronx, and in Brooklyn. In the early organizational efforts in connection with the Christian Front, Reverend Father JOHN C. BURKE of the Paulist Fathers was active. However, when it began to develop that the organization was anti-Semitic the Chancery Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York City compelled the Paulist Fathers to withdraw from the Christian Front organization.

JOHN F. CASSIDY of Brooklyn, New York, soon began to assume the active and aggressive leadership in the Christian Front in the vicinity of New York. Apparently CASSIDY made a trip to Royal Oak, Michigan, in August of 1939 where he conferred with the Reverend Father CHARLES E. O'BRIEN, representing himself as being the National Director of the Christian Front, and as a result of this representation it is said that an issue of the "Social Justice" magazine appearing a short time thereafter carried an article referring to the Christian Front and indicating that JOHN F. CASSIDY was the National Director of that organization.

During the existence of the Christian Front activities in New York it was determined that JOHN F. CASSIDY and WALTER B. OGDEN were active in the selling of the "Social Justice" magazine.

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There is available in the New York Field Office of this Bureau a copy of a letter presumably written by JOHN F. CASSIDY to the Reverend Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, same being dated September 13, 1939, and written on stationery of the Christian Front. In this communication Mr. CASSIDY refers to his recent visit to Royal Oak at which time "we discussed a plan for the building of the organization along the only lines that will result in the creation of a real defense--mechanism against the enemy you have long been fighting." He discusses his plan for traveling over the United States for the purpose of setting up local units of the Christian Front and the establishment of "sports clubs" in all of the units. He disclaims any political ambitions, contrary to rumors and gossip circulated about the organization. He faithfully promises Father COUGHLIN that neither he nor the organization is interested in politics, stating "I have made public pronouncements to the effect that at no time would I consider myself as an aspirant or a candidate for public office because it would tend to destroy the strength of the only organization at this time feared by the Communists."

He continues, "For your personal satisfaction I can say without contradiction that there are no activities of the Christian Front which in any way embarrass you or the cause of social justice because we restrict our speakers to language that cannot be interpreted as antiSemitic and can only be regarded as antiCommunitic."

Excerpts taken from this letter are as follows: "I do not think there is a man in the entire movement who does not see eye to eye with you on the pronouncements that you have long been making and there are none who would not fight to defend the principles for which you stand." "All I am waiting for is the signal to go and when and if I get it I shall never let up until the enemy quits or is beaten. I regret that it has been necessary to write such a long communication but I feel sure that you now better understand the details of the Christian Front. If the fight is worth the battle, we are at your disposal and the men are waiting for the word. I promise that I shall not discuss the contents of this letter with anyone other than a confidential aid, and I shall be guided by whatever disposition you may choose to suggest."

The Christian Front organization in New York early in its career, organized a rifle club and was engaged in the use

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of firearms, apparently for the purpose of preparing for the Communist revolution which they expected to take place in the United States. An inner circle was formed known as "Country Gentlemen", and apparently they engaged in a great deal of serious thought about the Communist revolution which they expected to take place in the United States, and this select group was active in getting together rifles and in manufacturing bombs and explosive devices. Finally they began to think that the expected Communist revolution would not come soon enough to suit their purposes and so it was that they decided finally to bomb the office of the Communist publication, "The Daily Worker," the headquarters of the Jewish publication known as the "Jewish Daily Forward," as well as the Cameo Theatre in New York and the headquarters of the organization in that city known as the League for Peace and Democracy. It was their belief that this bombing activity would bring about the Communist revolution which would place the members of the Christian Front in the position of actively attacking members of the Communist Party.

It is believed that possibly the file of the New York Field Office of the Bureau will reflect other contacts among officials of the Christian Front and Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.

The report of Special Agent WALTER J. HIGGINS, dated February 19, 1940, at New York, New York, in the case entitled "WILLIAM GERALD BISHOP, with aliases; Et Al. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY, THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY" has been reviewed and pertinent information contained therein as obtained from various publications in New York City reflecting information tending to indicate a close connection between Father COUGHLIN and the Christian Front is summarized as follows:

This report, beginning at Page 20, analyzes various articles appearing in the publication known as "The Tablet," a newspaper published at 1 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, New York. It is published by the Tablet Publishing Company at this address. The list of officers of the Tablet Publishing Company as set forth indicates that apparently the majority are members of the Catholic clergy. In reviewing the articles as set out below, the page numbers indicated are those of the above referred to report of Special Agent WALTER J. HIGGINS.

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PAGE 21. The May 27, 1939, issue of "The Tablet" sets forth that five thousand people attended a demonstration at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, New York, to celebrate the victory of Christianity over Communism in Spain, which is in connection no doubt with FRANCO's victory. BERNARD D'ARCY, chief of distribution of Father COUGHLIN's "Social Justice", urged an increased circulation of "Social Justice," after he described the excellent progress being made.

PAGE 21. Judge HERBERT A. O'BRIEN of New York City read a letter from the Reverend CHARLES E. COUGHLIN in which COUGHLIN felicitated those in charge of Catholic Hall meetings. The following is quoted from his letter: "More than at any other time we need a strong, virilant, sanctified group of Christian Americans who know how to interpret tolerance but also know the dangers of compromise. The time has arrived when defensive policies means giving way to an offensive plan; for the best method of defense is always of offense."

It is to be observed that the article does not say that the meeting was sponsored by the Christian Front. It does appear to be significant, however, that Mr. BERNARD D'ARCY, described as chief of distribution of Father COUGHLIN's publication, "Social Justice," was in attendance.

PAGE 23. In the April 29, 1939, issue of "The Tablet" an article on Page 3 headed "Social Justice Agents Attacked" states that over five hundred copies of "Social Justice" were disposed of on the streets of Brooklyn, New York, on the previous Saturday by members of the Christian Front under the direction of Mr. JOHN CASSIDY. The February 18, 1939, issue of "The Tablet" on Page 4 has an article headed "Eight Thousand Attend Bronx Rally" "Followers of Father Coughlin Crowd Winter Garden." This article makes mention of a rally held in the Bronx Winter Garden under the auspices of the "Crusaders for Christian Social Justice," the followers of Reverend CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.

PAGE 24. The January 20, 1940, issue of "The Hour" claims that a definite tie exists between Father COUGHLIN and the arrested

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members of the Christian Front. (This apparently refers to the arrests of members of the Christian Front who were indicted in Brooklyn, New York, by a Federal Grand Jury charged with sedition in connection with their plans to blow up various Communistic enterprises.)

PAGE 25. The publication, "The Hour", states that JOHN F. CASSIDY often declared himself as being a follower of Father COUGHLIN and that in Father COUGHLIN's magazine, "Social Justice," COUGHLIN repeatedly mentioned and praised CASSIDY and the Christian Front. The issue of July 21, 1939, apparently is expressly clear on this topic.

PAGE 25. "The Hour," Page 3, issue of July 24, 1939, describes two meetings of the followers of Father COUGHLIN held on Friday, July 14, in Philadelphia, and the following quotation is taken by "The Hour" from "Social Justice": "The voice of Father COUGHLIN came to Philadelphia through loud speakers from the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. Father COUGHLIN praised the heroism of the Christian Front in those areas where its work has already borne fruit, and urged Philadelphia to emulate Christianity and Americanism."

PAGE 25. "The Hour" claims that the July 31, 1939, issue of "Social Justice" carried on its front page the headline "Christian Front carries fight into more states." The story on Page 3 of "Social Justice" is said to read as follows: "Organized along militant lines, the defense mechanism against Red activity and as a protector of Christianity and Americanism, the Christian Front is spreading from greater New York into Philadelphia, Boston, and other eastern centers. Under the leadership of Mr. JOHN CASSIDY of Brooklyn, there are five separate units now operating in the metropolitan district. These are the Bushwick Unit headed by PETER CONREALE; the LUIGI RIZZA Unit of South Brooklyn headed by ALFONSO MERCORELLA; the Black Central Unit headed by ALBERT CUNNISON; and the Central Queens Unit under the leadership of AL KURTZ. Mr. CASSIDY himself has the Brooklyn Central Unit."

PAGE 25. "The Hour" states that COUGHLIN in his regular Sunday radio broadcast of July 30, 1939, said "The Christian Front is

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no longer a dream. It is a reality, a reality that grows stronger, more courageous, and more determined. The Christian way is the peaceful way until all arguments have failed, all civil authority having failed, there is left no other way but the way of defending ourselves against the invaders of our spiritual and national rights--FRANCO's way."

PAGE 25. "The Hour" states that "Social Justice" of August 7, 1939, gives Father COUGHLIN's own account of his radio speech entitled "Father COUGHLIN Counsels Christian Front."

PAGE 26. "The Hour" states that "Social Justice" of August 28, 1939, says "Father COUGHLIN approves the fine principles of Christian citizenship as followed by young men of the Christian Front."

PAGE 28. On Page 9 of the June 17, 1939, issue of "The Tablet" there appears a letter signed by GEORGE E. McCORMICK, Chairman of the Central Committee of Affiliated Groups with the Crusaders for Christian Social Justice, in which McCORMICK alleges a miscarriage of justice in the Bronx where during the past six months at least one hundred "real Christian American men and women have been arrested in greater New York for the most atrocious crime of them telling the truth through the sale of "Social Justice Magazine."

PAGE 28. On Page 13 of the May 6, 1939, issue of "The Tablet" in a news item headed "Attacks on Paper Sellers Continue" mention is made that organized attacks are being made by opponents of Father COUGHLIN to stop the street sale of "Social Justice" magazine. The article states that despite the opposition, street distribution continues to grow at a fast pace and that over five thousand copies of the magazine were sold during the four day period from Friday to Tuesday, April 28 to May 2, 1939, in the vicinity of 42nd Street from Fifth to Eighth Avenues in New York City. It also states that over 1500 copies were sold upon the streets of Brooklyn in the same period by salesmen working under the direction of Mr. JOHN CASSIDY and the Brooklyn Christian Front organizations.

PAGE 29. The above-mentioned issue of "The Tablet" also mentions that in Manhattan the salesmen of "Social Justice" have

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been assisted to a large degree by members of the New York Christian Front under the direction of Mr. WALTER OGDEN.

PAGE 30. "The Tablet" in the August 5, 1939, issue carries the speech of Father COUGHLIN delivered on July 31, 1939, entitled "The Popular Front vs. the Christian Front." The following is quoted from this particular speech:

"Were I a member of the Christian Front; had I any influence in blue printing its principles and the policies of the Christian Front, I would say this:....."

"The following is also quoted from the speech: "Nevertheless, the Christian way is the peaceful way until, all arguments having failed, all civil authority having failed, there is left no other way but the way of defending ourselves against the invaders of our spiritual and national rights--FRANCO's way."

"The following is also quoted: "And most importantly, an otherwise Christian Front must be a united Christian Front. Factionalism must be abandoned. The desire for leadership on the part of individuals must be sacrificed. Under one Herod who is foresworn to practice the principles of Christianity, every group and every city must be marshaled."

PAGE 36. A letter was written by Reverend CHARLES COUGHLIN, dated May 3, 1939, on his personal stationery and addressed to WALTER OGDEN, The Christian Front, 415 West 59th Street, New York City, which reads as follows:

"My dear Mr. OGDEN:

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you most cordially for the excellent work you are doing in boosting the circulation of "Social Justice" in New York.

"You and your co-workers have set a pace that will be difficult for the rest of the nation to follow. You have no idea of how closely I am watching New York and how happy I am at the progress you are making.

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"Now that you are so well established, the future sales should increase in rapid succession.

"God bless you!

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Charles Coughlin"

PAGE 40. There is set forth a typewritten statement issued by the Christian Front, dated November 26, 1938, signed by MARCEL HONORE, President, setting forth the policies of the Christian Front with reference to the ban placed on the broadcasting by Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN from Radio Station WMCA. The statement is quoted as follows: "The members of this committee are the duly appointed representatives of the Christian Front, who have been designated to interview the manager of Radio Station WMCA, for the purpose of informing him that the membership of the Christian Front regards that station's recent ultimatum to Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN as a biased, prejudiced action, amounting to restriction of his right as an American citizen to freedom of speech.

"Inasmuch as no facts have been advanced to prove that Father COUGHLIN in his broadcast on Sunday, November 20, 1938, incited racial or religious prejudice, or that he uttered untrue statements, we cannot help but conclude that, the attempt to compel him to submit a transcript of his contemplated lectures forty-eight hours in advance of the scheduled time for delivery, is an arbitrary exercise of censorship and a deprivation of civil liberties."

PAGE 49. GEORGE BRITT in an article appearing in the January 29, 1940, issue of "The New Republic" entitled "COUGHLIN's Christian Front", claims that recent arrests of members of the Christian Front can be traced back to bally-hoo originating from the Reverend EDWARD LODGE CURRAN, President of the International Catholic Truth Society, and Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.

BRITT mentions that JOHN F. CASSIDY and FLOYD A. CARIDI are antiCommunist speakers who spoke on Brooklyn street

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follows: "You and your group are affiliated directly to me."

PAGE 52. SMITH states that the Christian Front was formerly organized in August of 1938 and that at first it was identified with a proFranco Catholic Order and was both a membership organization and a coordinating agency for groups like the Social Justice Distributors Groups, the Crusaders for Americanism, the German-American Bund, the German-American Business League, the American Nationalists, the Citizens Protective League, the American Patriots, and the Christian Mobilizers. SMITH states that its announced purpose was to enlist all Christian citizens united on purposes that are truly American in that necessary crusade against the antiChristian forces of Red revolution.

PAGE 61. Information was obtained to the effect that at a meeting of the Christian Front held at Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York, on October 13, 1939, CASSIDY stated "Father COUGHLIN appointed me national director of the Christian Front."

It is to be observed that the quotations taken from the publications hereinbefore set out do tend to indicate that Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN was active in the organization known as the Christian Front. It is not known at this writing just how much other information is available in the files of the New York Field Division with respect to this situation and it is likewise unknown to the writer of this report whether the Christian Front in New York or elsewhere is as of this date an active organization.

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Available files in the Detroit Field Office have been reviewed for the purpose of setting forth any and all allegations which have been made insofar as the Detroit Field Office knows to the effect that Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN has allied himself with pro-Nazi factions of any kind.

The following information has been taken from the report of Special Agent WALTER J. HIGGINS, dated at New York City, February 19, 1940, in the case entitled "WILLIAM GERALD BISHOP, With Aliases; Et Al. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, SEDITION CONSPIRACY, THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY", and page numbers indicated are those appearing in the report above referred to:

PAGE 8. JOHN L. SPIVAK, writing in the publication "New Masses", charges that Father COUGHLIN has had secret conferences with Nazi agents and propagandists operating in this country in furtherance of what SPIVAK deems to be an anti-Semitic campaign.

PAGE 16. In the December 19, 1939, issue of the "New Masses" JOHN L. SPIVAK quotes several utterances of GOEBBLES, the head of the Nazi propaganda machine, and Father COUGHLIN, which are apparently identical word for word. SPIVAK also mentioned that Father COUGHLIN has communicated with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, the head of the Silver Shirts.

PAGE 16. JOHN L. SPIVAK in the "New Masses" mentioned that WILLIAM WERNECKE, a Nazi leader and a resident of Chicago, Illinois, is closely allied with Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.

With respect to the allegations appearing in the publication "The Hour" directed against Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, the "Social Justice" issue of March 2, 1942, has an article "Riled Reds Rant About 'Treason in Royal Oak'". In this article "Social Justice" attacks "The Hour" and terms the statements appearing therein to the effect that Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN is giving vent to treasonous statements as libelous in nature and makes this statement: "We protest Naziism as do all real Americans. We detest Stalinism as do all Americans. Are ALBERT E. KAHN and those whom he represents more pro-Marxist than they are pro-American?" With respect to the publication, "The Hour,"

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this March 2, 1942, issue of "Social Justice" under the above-referred to caption has the following to say:

"The publication known as THE HOUR has been exposed before as a "front" for the Communist committee responsible for much of the current anti-Christian smearing appearing, chiefly, in the party and Jewish press.

"As we said last week, these propagandists of hate are trying, with the desperation of real panic and without much success, to plant their smear in the more popular magazines.

"It was from THE HOUR for example, that JOHN SPIVAK of the NEW MASSES and the Rev. BIRKHEAD obtained most of their anti- COUGHLIN material.

"Mr. KAHN says, too, that he exchanges information with GEORGE SELDES who puts out a Communist party front news letter called IN FACT.

"Editor KAHN, who is also a writer for the Communist party line magazine FRIDAY, told New York and Pennsylvania police that THE HOUR was "Similar to the JOINT PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF PITTSBURGH," which is supported by B'nai B'rith, the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish War Veterans and the American Jewish Congress.

"FREDERICK SCHUMAN, former instructor at the Communist Workers' School, is on the editorial board of THE HOUR.

"Mr. KAHN's revelations to the police came about when a recent issue of THE HOUR boasted that its editors knew the identity of the saboteurs who wrecked a Pennsylvania railroad train.

"A State Trooper read this story and turned it over to the authorities. New York and Pennsylvania state police and Pennsylvania railroad police questioned Mr. KAHN and in the course of the interrogation he disclosed the peculiar backing of the propaganda nest known as THE HOUR.

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"Editor KAHN said he got his information about the railroad wreck from an 'informer' for THE HOUR and the Pittsburgh Committee known as STEPHANOWSKI. Mr. STEPHANOWSKI, police said, resided at the Rex Hotel, 106 W. 47th Street, New York City. He and KAHN implicated a number of innocent Polish, Hungarian and Slovak railroad workers in New Jersey, the police report said.

"According to KAHN, the Pittsburgh committee is 'master-minded' by a refugee Doctor of Philosophy, one MORRIS MARSTEN. MARSTEN, a definite Leftist, brought SPIVAK of NEW MASSES to Pittsburgh when he was thrown in jail in connection with the exposed red front known as the "Jewish Peoples Committee".

With respect to the allegations which have appeared in "The Hour" to the effect that Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN has been counseling members of the Christian Front to join Civilian Defense groups and to dominate these organizations, it is to be observed that, as pointed out by "The Hour", the "Social Justice" magazine of January 12, 1942, urged the readers to join up with the Office of Civilian Defense and made the statement "If Moscow-misfits seek responsible offices in organizations at home while your sons, brothers, husbands, & sweethearts are dying abroad, overwhelm them by your numbers and capture every office. Get out and get busy. You are the majority. Do not let the minority hog-tie and dominate you."

With respect to the situation in Detroit, Michigan, information has been called to the attention of this office to the effect that the Communist organization is taking a very active interest in civilian defense and that Communists are being counseled to join civilian defense organizations. It is of course known that Reverend COUGHLIN has, through "Social Justice" and in his public statements, again and again attacked Communism.

Through a confidential source the following figures with respect to the number of copies of "Social Justice" printed have been obtained:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Total Shipped</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>Bulk</u>
1941.			
3-3	164,885	79,215	85,670
3-10	165,033	79,215	85,818
3-17	166,897	80,573	86,324

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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Total Shipped</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>Bulk</u>
12-22	164,314	62,639	101,675
12-29	166,806	62,707	104,099
<u>1942</u>			
1-5	166,888	62,791	104,097
1-12	167,000	63,009	103,991
1-19	167,612	63,475	104,137
1-26	167,638	63,734	103,904
2-2	163,075	59,395	103,680
2-9	164,174	59,875	104,299
2-16	164,574	60,192	104,382
2-23	166,409	61,073	105,336
3-2	167,134	61,537	105,597

At the present writing it is not definitely known whether Father COUGHLIN has an organized group or groups which are supporting him. However, the indications are that his following is not of an organized nature but rather the support of individuals as such who are convinced in their own individual minds of the soundness of the COUGHLIN philosophy. Further investigation through confidential sources will be undertaken to determine definitely whether there is any organization such as the Christian Front or a similar organization which might be under the control and domination of Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.

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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Total Shipped</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>Bulk</u>
3-24	167,398	81,710	85,688
3-31	166,845	81,131	85,714
4-7	162,067	76,211	85,858
4-14	162,594	76,497	86,097
4-21	164,705	76,799	87,906
4-28	163,748	77,062	86,686
5-5	154,182	64,276	89,906
5-12	152,583	64,953	87,630
5-19	153,074	65,648	87,426
5-26	153,925	66,235	87,690
6-2	142,044	52,825	89,219
6-9	146,169	56,441	89,728
6-16	148,404	58,109	90,295
6-23	150,991	59,398	91,593
6-30	226,362	60,326	166,036
7-7	148,476	57,095	91,381
7-14	148,780	57,090	91,690
7-21	150,751	60,104	90,647
7-28	150,859	60,509	90,350
8-4	150,030	57,677	92,353
8-11	151,800	59,350	92,450
8-18	152,977	60,270	92,707
8-25	154,040	61,595	92,445
9-1	150,109	58,552	91,557
9-8	152,579	59,982	92,597
9-15	155,611	61,882	93,729
9-22	157,699	62,936	94,763
9-29	158,683	63,563	95,120
10-6	157,853	61,925	95,928
10-13	159,673	62,434	97,239
10-20	161,307	62,830	98,477
10-27	162,146	63,040	99,106
11-3	162,066	61,623	100,443
11-10	162,421	62,063	100,358
11-17	164,027	62,623	101,404
11-24	165,162	62,363	102,799
12-1	162,882	59,967	102,915
12-8	165,074	61,354	103,720
12-15	165,531	61,996	103,535

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS:

Several weeks prior to the date of this report, on a Sunday, Mr. E. PERRIN SCHWARTZ, Editor of Social Justice, telephoned the writer at the latter's home and made what amounted to a complaint against a person he thought was impersonating an FBI or Department of Justice officer. The complaint SCHWARTZ made at this time was that somebody speaking in a rather guttural voice had phoned his office, asking for information on what was to appear in the March issue of Social Justice, and had identified himself as an officer of the FBI or the Department of Justice, SCHWARTZ couldn't recall which. One of his secretaries gave him the message.

The writer thanked him for calling and told him to be sure and report anything he might hear, inasmuch as it was a possible impersonation. Approximately two weeks later, the day following the telephone call from Mr. DENNIS A. FLINN of the Bureau concerning the circulation of the Social Justice magazine, the writer arranged a luncheon appointment with Mr. SCHWARTZ under the pretense of further discussing the possible impersonation case that SCHWARTZ had called about. In other words, as far as SCHWARTZ knew, the appointment had this as its sole purpose, and the writer met with SCHWARTZ in the Esquire Dining Room of the Book-Cadillac Hotel at noon.

The writer questioned SCHWARTZ in some detail about the impersonation complaint he previously made, and he was unable to furnish any additional data except to state that he thought the telephone call might have come from one JAKE SPOLANSKY, a well-known professional, private investigator, operating in and around this area for many years, and many years ago he was for a brief time with the Department of Justice.

During the luncheon, SCHWARTZ was very loquacious, and the writer had little to do except nod his head or shake his head in order to encourage SCHWARTZ to talk profusely, and during the conversation a great deal of information was given out by

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SCHWARTZ, which is being set out herein for whatever value it may have.

SCHWARTZ stated that he came to Detroit about six years ago from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he had been City Editor of a large Milwaukee paper, apparently the Milwaukee Journal. Since that time he had been the Editor for Social Justice for Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, and he appeared to be almost worshipful of Father COUGHLIN. One time during the conversation he made the statement that Father COUGHLIN is as much like Christ as any mortal could be, as far as he, SCHWARTZ, was concerned.

During the course of conversation, he related what he called the history of Father COUGHLIN going off the air, which occurred approximately two years ago. He stated that COUGHLIN was forced off the air by Bishop MOONEY of Detroit, who is a bitter enemy of COUGHLIN'S, and is influenced by a group of bankers in New York, principally the Kuhn-Loeb Company. The reason that the Kuhn-Loeb Company has so much influence, according to SCHWARTZ, is that sometime ago, apparently two or three years ago, the Pope was faced with extremely serious financial embarrassment, and a loan was arranged whereby the Kuhn-Loeb Company loaned the papacy \$200,000,000. As a consequence, the firm of Kuhn-Loeb, which is a Jewish firm, is able, in many instances, to control the policy of the Pope and the Papacy, and thereby many of the leading Catholic hierarchy in the United States.

In this fashion, MOONEY, partially out of his own sentiments and partially out of pressure brought to bear by someone above him, was able to completely force COUGHLIN to make some alterations of the radio program, which he has never been able to resume. SCHWARTZ stated that Bishop GALLAGHER was "lock, stock and barrel" behind COUGHLIN, and that he he lived it would have been a different picture, but MOONEY has been influential in quieting COUGHLIN.

Father COUGHLIN has a great file of correspondence between himself and MOONEY, and he would be very glad to show it to the writer or any representative of this office.

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SCHWARTZ stated that also in the latter part of 1939 MOONEY gave Father COUGHLIN the alternative of either completely getting rid of the Social Justice Magazine, or allowing MOONEY to censor it and guide its editorial policy. Father COUGHLIN agreed to the latter and for a period of four months the magazine was published under MOONEY'S censorship, which SCHWARTZ states was actually a censorship by the Kuhn-Loeb Company. At the beginning of this censorship the circulation was about 900,000 per week, and during the censorship, the circulation dropped to 400,000, partly due to the censorship and partly due to the fact that Father COUGHLIN was off the air. He states that the circulation is about 200,000 at present, about 30,000 of which are distributed in Detroit and the immediate vicinity, the remainder being distributed in Brooklyn, New York, and New England states of Massachusetts, etc., Pennsylvania, Ohio, and a slight number in California.

SCHWARTZ stated that the title to Social Justice is in the name of Father COUGHLIN'S father and mother; that is, they are the legal and registered owners of the publication and Father COUGHLIN runs his church while SCHWARTZ actually runs the paper. In further explanation of this, SCHWARTZ stated that COUGHLIN himself doesn't write anything that goes into Social Justice the publication, but he did state that the ideas back of the policy of the paper and the ideas that go into the main editorial are definitely COUGHLIN'S.

SCHWARTZ stated that COUGHLIN would talk with SCHWARTZ about some article or editorial in the paper, and while SCHWARTZ was technically at liberty to reject or adopt the ideas that COUGHLIN advanced with reference thereto, as a matter of consistent policy, if he could determine how Father COUGHLIN was thinking or what his ideas were, those were the thoughts and ideas that went into the articles of Social Justice. He stated that there is nothing in the Social Justice Magazine that Father COUGHLIN doesn't want, and if it can be pre-determined nothing is put in that he would not want.

SCHWARTZ stated that several weeks prior to this conversation, STANLEY HIGH, who writes for the Reader's Digest, and who has written numerous articles for the Saturday Evening Post, together with JAKE SPOLANSKY, paid a visit to the business offices of Social Justice one day when SCHWARTZ was away. SCHWARTZ thinks

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that the call that was made the day previous to this visit was made by JAKE SPOLANSKY. In this telephone call, the caller mentioned that he was some kind of an officer with the FBI or Department of Justice, and tried to determine when SCHWARTZ was going to be at the printer's, which is in a downtown area, on the following Monday, in order, it seemed over the telephone, that the caller could interview SCHWARTZ when he came from the printer's. Having determined this, SCHWARTZ regarded this as practically an appointment. SCHWARTZ believes that SPOLANSKY and HIGH made it a point to call at the Social Justice offices at this time because they did not want to call when SCHWARTZ was there. SCHWARTZ thinks that they apparently wanted to establish that although SCHWARTZ was Editor in name he was not in fact.

SCHWARTZ stated that a reporter named SPIVAK, who writes for New Masses, wrote a series of articles allegedly supposed to be Father COUGHLIN's, and they have been attempting to get embarrassing information concerning Father COUGHLIN in order to again write articles concerning him.

SCHWARTZ went on to state that if being pro-Christian is seditious, then SCHWARTZ is seditious as the articles have as their aim pro-Christianity. He stated frankly that he is anti-Semitic, and if it is seditious to be anti-Semitic, which he says is the same as being pro-Christian, then he is seditious.

He spoke of the title and ownership of Social Justice as being just a legal fact. He stated that all the writings that appear in the Social Justice Magazine are tagged on to the sixteen points of Social Justice in some way. These sixteen points appear in a prominent place in every issue of the magazine. He stated that most of the background material on which the articles in Social Justice are based, is gained from newspapers and other publications. He described Father COUGHLIN as being a truly great mind.

The notes on this are being retained for possible future reference.

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The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

There has been some controversy between Father COUGHLIN and the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission with regard to the status of Father COUGHLIN's Radio League of the Little Flower from 1937 to 1940. The Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission in the past made a ruling that the League is not a charitable organization and therefore owes payroll taxes.

"The Detroit News" of March 11, 1942, carries an article entitled "COUGHLIN AIR INCOME BARED." In this article it is disclosed that the testimony on the appeal of Reverend CHARLES E. COUGHLIN from the ruling of the Unemployment Compensation Commission revealed that the Radio League earned \$1,163,422 in the years 1937 through 1940, broken down as to years as follows: 1937 - \$404,469; 1938 - \$574,416; 1939 - \$102,254; 1940 - \$82,283.

Miss ALBERTA WARD, bookkeeper for the League, testified that Father COUGHLIN as President of the League was paid \$2600 in 1936 and 1937, and that he received \$2,000 in 1938 and \$2100 in 1939. She testified that he also received a loan of \$5,052 in 1937 as well as loans of \$2545 and \$2988 in 1936.

Her testimony further revealed that the League of the Little Flower is the financial backer of the Social Justice Publishing Company. The League invested \$1,000 in 1936 and made loans of \$83,000 and \$145,902 to the Publishing Company.

The National Union for Social Justice was mentioned in testimony, and JAMES McAVOY, Jr., attorney for the League, said: "We concede that the National Union for Social Justice was a political party." The testimony revealed that the League formerly employed thirty persons but now has only seven on its payroll.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY will refer to the previous investigation conducted by that office in connection with the Christian Front movement, noting in this regard the information contained in this report, and determine whether the Christian Front is presently operating as an organized group, and upon a review of information already believed to be in the possession of the New York Field Office as well as any current investigation which is necessary, ascertain whether the Christian Front as an organized group is dominated by Reverend CHARLES E. COUGHLIN to such an extent that he can dictate its policies and direct members into civilian defense organizations or to any other organizations which due to the overwhelming numbers of Christian Fronters will be considered as potentially dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

Will note that the publication "The Hour" made the statement that it had been reliably informed that in Brooklyn, New York, a number of civilian defense groups were already in danger of being taken over by Christian Front storm troopers, notorious in the past for their collaboration with the German-American Bund and other nazi agencies. Will endeavor to verify this information and determine whether if this condition is true it has been brought about by any action on the part of Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.

THE DETROIT FIELD OFFICE

Will, AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN, through confidential sources determine whether the following of Reverend CHARLES E. COUGHLIN is of an organized nature and is so under the control of Father COUGHLIN that he can direct the policies of the organization. It is believed that the primary purpose of this investigation is to determine not so much the acts of Father COUGHLIN as an individual as his acts as the head of an organization, directing its policies to the detriment of the best interests of the country.

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Gentlemen: I have just finished listening to Mr. Cecil Brown's very informative ^{acc.} of Fifth Col. A.S. Activities in all countries of Europe & Asia which they prepared for their bill. He claims he speaks the same activity here. In view of how true reports as a CBS reporter abroad I think he ought to be utilized immediately for he has a background of experience & a well developed "nose" for just this sort of pernicious activity. May I also comment to your attention the utterly convincing proof of the VERY OBVIOUS TREASON now being practiced by Dr. Einstein - Social Justice & his tribe in the N.Y. paper "P.M." Ch. Haskel

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Copy to Father Coughlin, also FBI-Washington Dc.

Gentlemen:

You have asked in some of your "Hate" spreading articles to let the Federal Bureau of Investigation know of resentment one may have toward Father Coughlin. We'll, I'll let my feelings be known, and they are all "For" Father Coughlin and not against him.

It seems to be a practice by such elements that precipitated this country into War to now begin to "Attack" and run down former Isolationists, who under present conditions have very little opportunity to defend themselves.

As for Father Coughlin, you cannot destroy the faith millions have in this great American Priest. His attack on Jews or the Jewish interests as described are entirely false. I am here to say, to anyone that in the goneby days, in the very beginning, I personally heard Father Coughlin, not once but often, in every Broadcast, Sunday after Sunday, plead for the support of the influential Jews for his War on Communism and the elements connected with them through hidden "Fellow Traveler" organizations of one kind or another. I also heard Rabbi Wise speak quite often against Catholicism, albeit in a veiled way. I know Rabbi Wise is "Left Wing" at heart and a bigot. I know that such wearers of Clerical robes as Bishop Manning, and Bishop Hurley and others like them are "War" minded when their very being should be against it. They have allowed their personal feelings, and hereditary background run away with them.

Quite often quotations Father Coughlin were presented by your Paper and others which in themselves were inflammatory, but if the rest of his editorials and speeches were presented with these quotations they would have construed another meaning.

I say the Jews started the "Mud Slinging" at Father Coughlin either intentionally or led by Left Wing elements who wanted him smeared, and that they did more to start the bad feeling now existing than the Catholic elements and that it all started with the many utterances against Catholicism in general when Rabbi Wise addressed and organized so many Red groups or their fellow traveler organizations in the War against what he termed Franco Fascist Spain, but which often clearly enough revealed his bitter resentment against Catholic faith in any quarter. Father Coughlin has more than once invited inspection of the FBI, but the challenge never seems to be accepted. Why?

Sincerely submitted,

W. J. BOTT

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Take one minute of time to help fight your enemies.

Tear Out This Page and Mail It to the Attorney General

No one can be neutral about Social Justice. The facts of the case are known. PM has completed its journalistic duty in assembling and presenting the case. Now we ask you to render your opinion to the Attorney General. Printed below are a number of opinions. If none suits you, fill in the lines left blank purposely. But let yourself be counted. No one can be neutral today.

Tear out this page and mail it to the Attorney General, Washington, D. C.

Do Something About It

I agree with PM that Charles Coughlin's *Social Justice* is a menace to our liberties. You should do something about it, Mr. Attorney General.



I do not think Charles Coughlin's seditious talk is funny. I remember how people laughed when Hitler talked that way in the beer halls. I do not think we can afford to overlook him. Our lives are at stake. Our sons and our brothers are dying in the field, fighting the forces he defends.

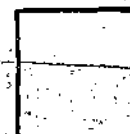


I realize what a serious step it will be—the suppression of a paper in America. I thought I would never live to see the day when I would advocate it, but I agree with Abraham Lincoln that the whole structure of society is more important than any one part, and that America could die of Coughlin-cancer if it were not cut out. Other countries have died because they were not willing to cut out Coughlin-cancers. So, facing the seriousness of the decision with my eyes open, I say, Mr. Attorney General, that you have no choice but to take the knife and cut out the cancer—that America may live.

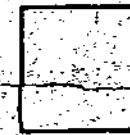


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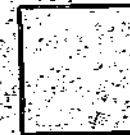
I disagree with PM. Why shouldn't Charles Coughlin say what he pleases to the men who are going into our armies and working in our factories? Why shouldn't he tell them lies, preach sedition to them, encourage them to armed revolt against the Government? Mr. Attorney General, keep your hands off Charles Coughlin.



I think it is silly to kick up a fuss about Charles Coughlin. Who pays any attention to him—just a lot of crooks and thugs. No matter how many good Americans he turns against our Government, sometime, somewhere, sooner or later, the FBI will catch up with them. There's lots of time. We don't mind a 10-year war. And if in the meantime there is a revolution we will win it. Forget all about Charles Coughlin.



I have so little faith in the American people that I do not think the national morale could stand the suppression of its civil liberties entailed in cutting off *Social Justice*. Where would you draw the line? It is all too confusing and things are happening too fast. I am kind of scared. I would rather wait. We'll muddle through somehow. Don't do anything about Charles Coughlin and *Social Justice*—or anything else.



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(If you want to know what the Catholic clergy and leading laymen think of Coughlin, turn the page.)

Catholic Clergy, Laity Speak Out Against Coughlin

'Social Justice' Called Seditious

We have given you our stand on the Catholic Church.

We have given you our stand on the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, the Catholic priest.

We have attacked Charles E. Coughlin, naturalized citizen of the U. S. A., radio orator, journalist, politician and moving spirit behind *Social Justice*.

We now give you the comments of leading Catholic clerics and laymen on the subject.

Catholic Comments

The comments are a cross section of sound opinion from those Catholics to whom other Catholics in America look for guidance and leadership.

The *Florida Catholic* is the official newspaper of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Fla. Bishop Joseph F. Hurley is spiritual leader of the diocese.

In an editorial on Mar. 20, the *Florida Catholic* approves an attack on *Social Justice*.

This is as it should be among people who abhor dishonesty and treachery. (See box at bottom of page.)

It mingles no words about the effect of *Social Justice* on the Catholic Church:

"The priest at the altar no less than the soldier in the field is being stabbed in the back by *Social Justice*—with a blade fashioned by the pagans of Berlin."

The official organ of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, agrees with the *Florida Catholic* that *Social Justice* is not a Catholic periodical.

States the *Pittsburgh Catholic* in a front page editorial of its Mar. 19 issue:

"The fact that *Social Justice* sees fit, at a time when national unity is essential, to promote disunity; that it obviously seeks to provoke intolerance of a certain racial and religious group; that its policies, at this moment when the U. S. is at war with the Nazi-dominated Axis countries, are so frequently parallel with those of Axis propagandists; these are reasons why *Social Justice* would have to be rejected as a guide for Catholics, even if it claimed to be a Catholic publication."

"But it does not so claim; *Social Justice* cannot so claim; *Social Justice* is NOT a Catholic periodical."

Father Ford's Stand

Father George B. Ford, Catholic chaplain at Columbia University, made this statement:

"The issue of *Social Justice* since Pearl Harbor should be the serious concern of a priest and government at war."

Most issues of *Social Justice*, since its first publication, have been the serious concern of every democrat who cannot enjoy freedom fully unless every last one of his fellow men possesses it fully.

"All issues of *Social Justice* have concerned most Christians and ought to concern every one of them who wants no 'buts' in the command of Christ to love your neighbor."

"And *Social Justice* should be the concern equally of every one who professes any religion and thus believes that since every human being reflects the character and personality of God, to attack any one of them because of race or color is to attack man's divine prototype."

"No matter from what viewpoint you look at *Social Justice*, singly or in combination, it is an undermining and destructive influence, a vicious publication."

When America's ace foreign correspondent, Quentin Reynolds, a Catholic, spoke at the Freedom House dinner Mar. 1 he said these remarks of Coughlin and *Social Justice*:

"What of that man who once took a vow of humility, that fine, upstanding, militant soldier of Christ, Mr. Charles E. Coughlin?"

"If I omit the title 'Father', it is because as a practicing Catholic, have too much reverence for that title to bestow it on one so un-Christianlike, so un-American—this twice-divorced priest of Detroit."

"First, he divorced himself from his church, then he divorced himself from his country."

"*Social Justice* is still being sold. I bought one in Eighth Ave. the other day. I looked through it and asked the woman selling it if she happened to have a copy of the *Volksischer Beobachter*. She asked me what it was. I told her it was the same paper printed in German."

"If anyone doubts the kinship between the two papers let him compare any issue of the Nazi Party paper with the Coughlin editorial in the Dec. 29 issue of *Social Justice*."

"Was the Bill of Rights written to protect the Coughlins of this country from the anger of real Americans?"

A few weeks ago, Rossa F. Dowling, national chairman of the American Jewish Defense Assn., made a statement which included these paragraphs:

"America's war is against Hitler, Hiroito and Mussolini. It is equally against the Christian Front (Coughlin's storm troops), the Ku Klux Klan, the Vindicators and the hawkers of *Social Justice*."

"We must strike hard at all who spread racial prejudice and class hatred."

Here are some of the prominent Catholics who endorsed that statement:

Gen. John F. O'Ryan, Henry Graan Doyle, Prof. Francis E. McMahon of Ntre Dame, T. James Tumulty of Jersey City, Christopher T. Emmet, Jr., treasurer of the AIDA, Joseph F. Timilty, Boston Police Commissioner.

Miss Grace Lonergan, secretary of the Women's Trade Union League; Dr. Charles T. O'Donnell of De Paul University; Frank P. Fenton, AFL director of organization; Clifford T. McAvoy, legislative representative of the N. Y. Industrial Union Council; Brian Feeney, secretary of the Sand Hogs Union, AFL.

The Very Rev. J. A. McHugh, O.P. of Hawthorne, N. Y.; the Rev. J. E. Quinn, S.J., of Michigan; the Very Rev. Charles Jerome Gallan, O.P.



Bishop Joseph F. Hurley



Quentin Reynolds

Father Gallan gave PM a special statement.

"I think," he said, "that any person or paper that, at this time of crisis in our national existence, is spreading or trying to spread class hatreds, division, uncertainty, or disloyalty of any kind, is in fact an enemy of the country and a betrayer of the manifestly just cause for which our men in the armed services are giving their lives."

On Apr. 28, 1939, the Bishops of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Council, said:

"We regret and deplore the widespread propaganda in the interests of systems and theories antagonistic to the principles of democracy and the teachings of Christianity. A Christian people will oppose these dangerous aberrations with all the might of Christian charity."

"For that very reason our people will be on their guard against all forms of racial bigotry, of which Pope Pius XI, speaking of a pertinent instance, said: 'It is not possible for Christians to take part in anti-Semitism.'"

Eugene P. Connolly, secretary of the N. Y. County American Labor Party, summed up his views on Coughlin and *Social Justice*:

Bishop Hurley's Paper Scores 'Social Justice'

From the *Florida Catholic*, official newspaper of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Fla., of Mar. 20.

That un-American paper, misnamed *Social Justice*, is again under attack for its disloyal attitude and activities. . . . Since the infamous attack against us at Pearl Harbor, *Social Justice* has continued its pre-war policy of obstruction, confusion, and sabotage of our national war effort. In its campaign to weaken us from within, the Royal Oak magazine is following the latest methods evolved for use in the U. S. by the general staff of the Axis. With unwearied repetition, it retails week by week the insinuations, the false interpretations, the perversions of truth, which issue from the studio of Dr. Goebbels. . . . Save for names, dates, and local color, one has the strange impression of reading again the columns of the paid Nazi press in France during the period of the "phony" war. . . . *Social Justice* is not a Catholic paper. . . . If that force (behind *Social Justice*) could be identified, we should be able to place our finger upon one of the ringleaders of Axis propaganda in the U. S. A. Loyal Americans, Catholic and non-Catholic, would like very much to know who is the invisible gauleiter from whom Gruppenfuhrer Schwartz (*Social Justice* editor) takes his orders."

"It should be obvious today that the majority of Irish Americans and Catholics understand the issues of the war and have dedicated themselves to victory. In the armed forces, on assembly lines, through trade unions, social clubs and churches, they have gone on record, pledging an all-out effort to 'beat the Axis.'"

"Yet a small and vicious minority, a handful of rabble rousers, and, I regret to say, a few priests, have given the Catholics and Irish Americans as a whole the reputation of obstructing the nation's war effort."

"As a result, it now becomes the unpleasant duty of every Irish American and Catholic publicly to protest and repudiate the racist, disruptive propaganda of the Christian Front, Coughlin and *Social Justice*."

Agar's Position

William Agar, Catholic scholar and scientist, who has been in the forefront of the fight against Coughlin and *Social Justice*, stated:

"Few who know what they are talking about will deny that the great majority of Catholics in the U. S. are loyal Americans. This holds for priests and laymen alike."

"Why, then, must we continue to be represented to our fellow citizens by Coughlin, Curran, *Social Justice* and others?"

From a phony war, a phony peace, which makes the people of the U. S. feel that they are not doing anything, to a real war, to a real peace, which puts men to paper."

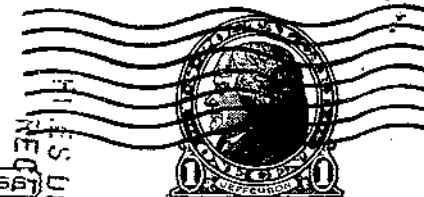
"Coughlin boasts of his Dublin-Royal Oak Axis while *Social Justice* deplores the American 'invasion' of Ireland and the war for the liberation of the Jews in Germany. It hates everyone except the Axis leaders and even finds a sinister meaning in the establishment of War Time."

"Catholics are bound in conscience to support their duly elected civil government. Catholics know that anti-Semitism is evil. Yet these men continue to spew forth hate and sow distrust and dissension among their followers."

"It appears to me that they are both treasonable and heretical, yet neither the State nor the Church has stopped them. So it is up to the people to do it themselves. It should not be difficult to boycott such obvious evil."

"It is certainly worth trying."

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Hon. Mr. Hooper
Supervisor of the Dept.
of Social Justice
Washington
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Hon. Hoover Supervisor of the Dept. of
Social Justice
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir We have a snake concealed
in the grass. There is no other man that
is so influential in causing sabotage
in the United States as does Father Laughlin
of Royal Oak Michigan. By his agitation
against our Government policies
Father Laughlin poisons the minds of
his followers. The Christian
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The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

John T. Bissell
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Colonel, General Staff,
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April 3, 1942.
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Subject: Father Coughlin's St. Sebastian Brigade.

Summary of Information:

A full-page ad in ~~the~~ Social Justice magazine, a weekly publication edited by Father Coughlin and dated March 9, 1942, asks members of the Armed Forces to enlist in a St. Sebastian Brigade.

By submitting the name of the boy in service; his rank; the division of the service in which he is; and his service address; a medallion and chain will be sent to those who have a friend or relative in the service, or direct to the service address. This attempt of Social Justice magazine to learn the names and service addresses of these boys can be characterized as the opening wedge in Coughlin's drive to establish contact with the men in the Armed Forces.

The Jewish Peoples Committee of New York, which has been denounced by other Jewish societies as a "Communist front organization" whose meetings should be boycotted, has written letters of protest asking for an investigation of the St. Sebastian Brigade.

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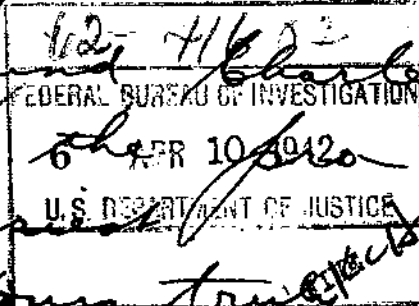
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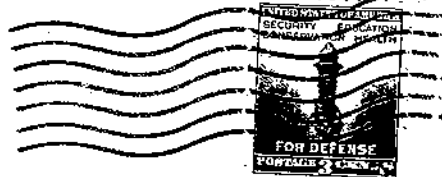
Dear Sirs: —

As an American
citizen I most
sincerely urge you
to investigate the
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Coughlin
Fascist propagandist
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April 8, 1942.

Gentlemen:-

If we are to be a
united nation with a
definite purpose of winning
this war we must get rid of
our native fascists of whom
Charles Boughtlin is number 1
on the list. Investigate Boughtlin.

Yours truly,
Henrietta Cimino

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OFFICIAL CATHOLIC ... SAYS, "FATHER COUGHLIN'S SOCIAL JUSTICE
PROMOTES DISUNITY"

Bishop Boyle of Pittsburgh Sanctions Editorial
Against Father Coughlin

In a lead editorial prominently displayed on the front page of last week's issue of the "Pittsburgh Catholic", official organ of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, John B. Collins, Editor states: "The fact that Social Justice sees fit, at a time when national unity is essential, to promote disunity, that it obviously seeks to provoke intolerance of a certain racial and religious group; that its policies at this moment, when the United States is at war with the Nazi-dominated Axis countries, are so frequently paralleled with those of the Nazi propagandists; these are reasons why Social Justice would have to be rejected as a guide for Catholics, even if it claimed to be a Catholic publication."

At a time when the tremendous majority of Catholics are fighting with all other loyal Americans to crush ... or Coughlin is sowing seeds of disunity in our nation ... effort that according to the Cincinnati Post is ... to the Nazis".

Here is what several past issues of "Social Justice" have said: "Hitler is to be praised for letting the French carry on in part of their nation and thereby retain part of their self-respect." Also: "Asia for the Asiatics...is nothing more than an expression of our own Monroe Doctrine." Again: "Germany is the innocent victim of a sacred war declared against her nine years ago by the Jews."

Catholics follow the true patriotic lead of Bishop Boyle and reject the false voice of Father Coughlin. They are taking their part in developing the weapons with which we will open an offensive against Hitler on the Western Front that will crack him between the jaws of our forces and those of our gallant Russian allies. They are in full support of our own glorious General MacArthur.

In the factories, in their daily life, in the forces the Catholic people are affirming that their way of fighting way of Colin Kelly, not the fascist way of Father Coughlin.

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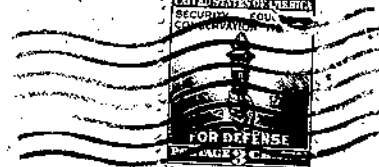
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A serious split in the Catholic Church is developing in this country, one side pulling for decency and democracy, while the other wants to go all-out for Hitler and fascism. The reactionaries within the Church, who have existed since Torquemada burned free men and Jews at the stake, are led by Coughlin and the brains behind the priest of Royal Oak. In their groups are the Currans and their lay supporters in the Christian Front. Orders like the Paulist Fathers have played ball too closely with pro-Franco fascist elements to be free of the anti-democratic stigma.

John Eoghan Kelly, registered with the State Department as a paid Franco agent and a Christian Fronter, has been writing for the Catholic World, a Paulist magazine. His articles attempt to show that the Falange espanola, Nazi-run storm troop and espionage organization, and the Hispanidad Council, which was set up at Hitler's suggestion as a way to soften Latin America for his armies, have only cultural and moral aims and nothing up their sleeves.

Nazi propaganda of this type worries the more alert Catholics who realize that the Church discredits itself in playing Hitler's game. Americans expect people to fight back, and when the Catholics not only take Hitler's persecutions lying down but continue to work for him, the reaction is one of contempt. The case of Coughlin, who with malice aforethought spreads hate and in effect calls for the slaughter of Jews, disgusts and horrifies liberal Catholics. Letting loose the forces of the bigotry in America, they realize, may boomerang. The Catholics, too, are a minority.

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Coughlin has great plans to move in on the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps.

A full-page ad in Social Justice, the Goebbels-sheet, asks members of the Armed Forces to

enlist in a St. Sebastian Brigade. Every soldier who joins Coughlin's brigade gets a medal of St. Sebastian, patron of soldiers. Under other circumstances, I might be touched by this outstretched hand to men who are about to face death. Or, given Coughlin's rather shady mining transactions and his deals with Hearst, I might be cynical and suggest that he is merely using up the silver he could not unload on the U. S. Government. But I wonder why the Bad News from Royal Oak is interested in the military rank of the applicant. Or why, after stating flatly that this is an unholy, Jewish war, he is willing to invoke saintly blessings on the supposedly unholy men who are fighting it wholeheartedly. I know many numbers of Catholics who would kick me soundly in the teeth if I suggested that they were in the Army only because that Jew-Congress had drafted them.

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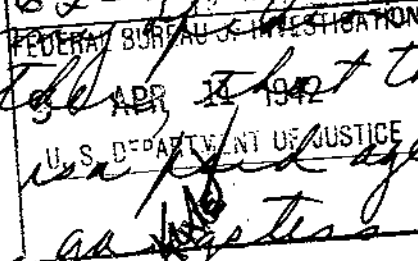
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Gentlemen: - Last Sunday,
while listening to the great
news analyst, H. V. Kaltenborn,
we were told to report to you
anyone preaching race hatred -
Anti Semitism.

I therefore want to call your
attention to Father Coughlin and
his magazine Social Justice
which advocates hatred against
the Jews. ~~It is~~ ~~and countless others~~ that this
so called Father is a paid agent
of Hitler and he goes ~~on~~ ~~on~~

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meted out to this man³
for his Un American activities
in trying to set one group
of people against another
causing disunity.

A Jewish American Citizen

Social Justice is sold all
over the country on the busiest
street corners.

It seems a shame th² a
man calling himself Father
should try to exterminate
innocent people because of
their religious beliefs.
This man and his followers
should be lodged in prison
just like Robert Noble and
Jones were, as he is no better
than they are.

I am not signing my
name for fear of having
harm fall to myself and
family.

I trust that you will
look into this and have
the proper punishment

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Dear Sir

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Charles E. Boughlen

is an enemy of democracy
and a dangerous misleader
and as a citizen of the
U. S. I urge you to
arrest and investigate
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Johann R. Rindian
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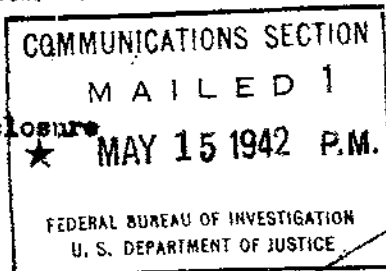
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For your information only there is attached in-
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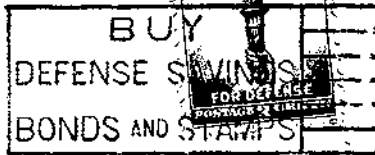
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MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

Reference is made to the Attorney General's memorandum dated March 25, 1942, addressed to me, copy of which was made available to you.

For your information, there are attached hereto copies of my acknowledgment, which I have today forwarded to the Attorney General.

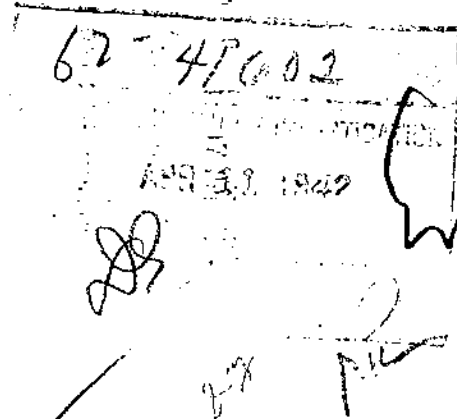
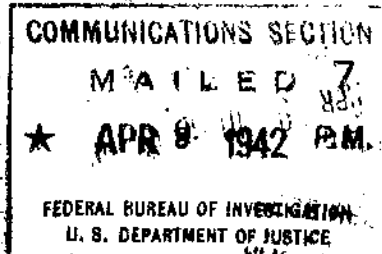
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I have recently learned confidentially that the Treasury Department, in making an investigation of Father Coughlin, developed a very good case of income tax evasion. Prosecutive action was allegedly quashed in this regard, however, by the Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, purportedly on the basis that it would be inopportune for a Jew to inaugurate prosecution against a priest.

I thought that you might care to discuss this matter with Mr. Morgenthau.

Respectfully,

(S) J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 6, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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[redacted] called me this morning and in the course of the conversation advised that it was his understanding that Father Coughlin would be arrested within the next few days. He told me confidentially when I questioned him that the source of his information was [redacted]

[redacted] of B'nai B'rith. [redacted] is now working in the Special Defense Unit. It appears that a group from the Special Defense Unit were having lunch last Thursday at the Raleigh Hotel and were discussing the Father Coughlin situation. It is suggested in the event this is brought to the attention of the Department that [redacted] name and that of [redacted] be left out. b7D

[redacted] then advised me that sometime ago Dr. Gottschall, Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews had contacted him and was endeavoring to arrange a White House meeting composed of various religious leaders to discuss the problems of the day; that in the course of the conversation Gottschall advised that Bishop Mooney of Detroit was receiving scores of scurrilous letters condemning the Catholic Church for permitting Father Coughlin to continue with the magazine "Social Justice;" that Monsignor Ready has taken this up. The Jews are trying to get the Jews in Detroit to stop writing letters to Bishop Mooney and have joined in asking Ready to push the White House conference.

In this connection [redacted] advised me that sometime ago the Treasury Department had developed a very good case of income tax evasion against Father Coughlin. However, this was squashed by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau on the basis that it would be impolitic for a Jew to inaugurate prosecution against a priest. b7D

[redacted] also told me that Father Coughlin was known to be of very unsavory repute; that sometime ago the Reverend Walton Cole, a Unitarian minister in Toledo, Ohio, whom he termed as very reputable and as not a rabid anti-Catholic, had investigated Coughlin; that the Reverend Cole has proof that Father Coughlin has a mistress known as "Babe." It is [redacted] understanding that Reverend Cole presented his evidence to some of the leaders of the church, but that no action was taken.



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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that if we do not have a report from Mr. Cole it might be well to contact him.

[] also advised me that Magistrate Jonah Goldstein of New York who filed a petition before the Post Office Department last week to deprive mailing facilities for "Social Justice" presented a petition with a lot of phony names on it. This petition has been forwarded to the Postmaster General by the postal authorities, and [] is very much upset over the fact that it had phony names on it. b7D

Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APRIL 15, 1942

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC - DETROIT

Transmit the following message to:

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FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN, INTERNAL SECURITY - G, SPECIAL
INQUIRY STATE DEPARTMENT. RELET MARCH TWENTY-SEVENTH LAST, PARAGRAPH TWO,
ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY REGARDING SPECIAL SURVEILLANCES INSTANT CASE AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE PUBLISHING COMPANY, E. PERRIN SCHWARTZ OR OTHERS AFFILIATED.
NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY REFLECTS THAT ACTION OF POSTMASTER GENERAL HAS BANNED
SOCIAL JUSTICE MAGAZINE FROM UNITED STATES MAIL. IMPERATIVE FULL COVERAGE
BE MAINTAINED WITH REFERENCE TO CONTEMPLATED ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT AND
ABOVE-MENTIONED ORGANIZATION AND INDIVIDUALS. BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM
MR. LADD

On April 8 Mr. Ralph Ingersoll called to see me, having made the appointment through Mr. Foxworth at New York.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he had been instructed by his publisher, Mr. Marshall Field, to personally discuss with me a very confidential matter upon which he would like to receive from me a suggestion.

He pointed out that Mr. Field and he had, over a period of time, been conducting a very active campaign in endeavoring to expose Father Coughlin and his "Social Justice" activities. He stated that he had ascertained from reliable sources that Father Coughlin at the present time was being treated by a reputable Detroit psychiatrist for certain sexual difficulties. He also stated that Father Coughlin had in his employ a maid or a secretary, with whom Father Coughlin had had relations, and who was also being treated by the same psychiatrist. Mr. Ingersoll did not know the name of the psychiatrist.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that Mr. Field and he were desirous of having me suggest the name of a woman investigator, preferably a Catholic, who could be sent to Detroit by Mr. Field and Mr. Ingersoll and join Father Coughlin's church and endeavor to obtain the true facts concerning this particular situation. I advised Mr. Ingersoll that this Bureau did not employ woman investigators and that off-hand I did not know of anyone who could be suggested for such an assignment, but I would think the matter over and communicate with him later.

Today I instructed SAC Foxworth to call Mr. Ingersoll by telephone and to tell him that I had phoned and stated that I had been unable to find anyone that I could recommend for the assignment which Mr. Ingersoll had in mind.

Very truly yours
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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HORSE. FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, INTERNAL SECURITY G. SPECIAL
 INQUIRY, STATE DEPT. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU, SPECIAL
 AGENT ROBERT T ROSS WILL PROCEED TO CHICAGO LATTER PART OF WEEK
 TO CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHO CAN FURNISH INFORMATION
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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SPECIAL INQUIRY STATE DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Carl J. Wynn, dated March 17, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan, on the above captioned matter.

In continuing the present investigation of Father Coughlin, it is requested that you submit to the Bureau your recommendations as to the use of any special type of surveillance considered necessary in giving full coverage in this investigation. It is believed that by carefully investigating Father Coughlin, both as an individual and as the head of an organization that will accept "Social Justice" as their policy, that this can best be effected by your office through an investigation of Father Coughlin and his relationship with the editor of "Social Justice" in an attempt to retrace the control of the Christian Front back to the subject.

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The New York office, however, should make available such information as it is able to obtain regarding the recent activities of the Christian Front, its leaders and affiliations so that your office will then be in a position to recognize the link between this group and Father Coughlin. If established, the New York office is requested to contact Albert E. Kahn, editor of "The Hour", and ascertain from him the source of his information that in Brooklyn, New York, a number of civilian defense groups are already in danger of being taken over by Christian Front Storm Troopers. This source should then be contacted, and it should be pointed out to Kahn that information of this type, affecting the internal security of the nation, should be immediately furnished to the proper authorities, rather than its distribution for personal publicity purposes through the medium of "The Hour".

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It is recommended that steps should be taken by the New York office to definitely trace down this rumor so that the State

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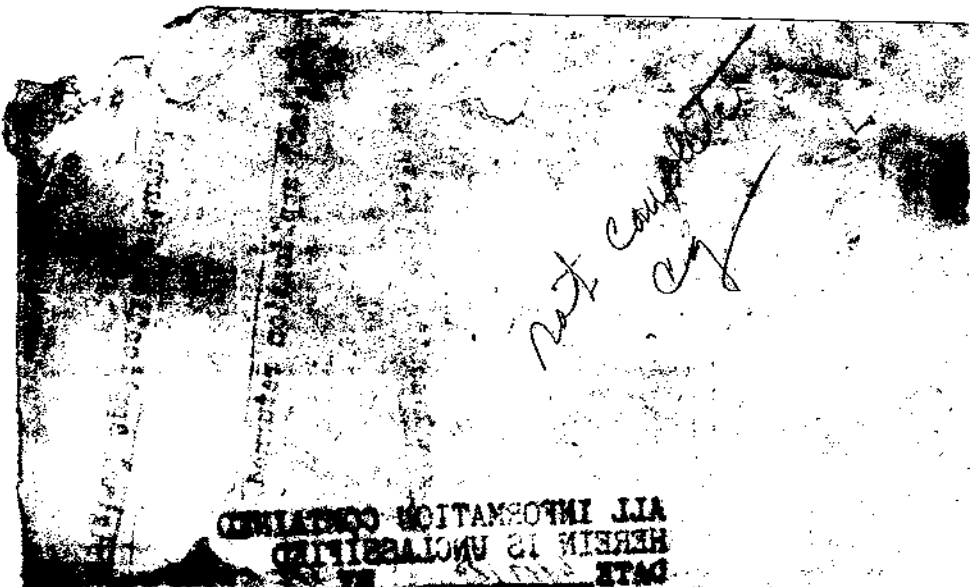
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Detroit, Michigan

March 27, 1942

Department may be fully advised as to the nature of this original source of information. The New York office, in its report, should also summarize the information in its files with reference to "The Hour", its editor and consultants in the first investigative report submitted in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - New York City

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New York, N. Y.
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your instructions, I have spoken to Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, Editor of the newspaper PM, and advised him that with reference to the matter which he had discussed with you during a visit to Washington, you had very carefully checked over the entire field without finding anyone whom you could recommend to him. Mr. Ingersoll stated that he regretted you could not recommend someone, but did ask that I relay to you his appreciation for your cooperation in the matter.

This, as you will recall, relates to Mr. Ingersoll's request of you to recommend someone that they might use in an investigation of Father O Coughlin.

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Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director.

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J. E. Hagan of the F.B.I.

Washington

D.C.

Dear Mr. Hagan — you will find a clipping in the editor of the Journal as follows:

I read a little about this man Charles E. Coughlin — and I don't really see if this man are making it but for a section class in favor of white man or not but I do see that 90 of this man Coughlin are as I feel and against all white people laws for I realize that I think still by shape and can not say I want that white girl or woman and get her — and this man says that a party that are on their side and many some day this party will take us out from under the white man or American rules and law and let us be free as the American white are to day as hard as I can see you will find it for saying that there but the difference between the dragons and white men and the black men by name for that after the same gold and backing up

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down at pearl harbor
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do the lovers of the full blooded class
may make those things out over the radio
and in all kind of print stuff
and if uncle sam had plenty men like
the one that talk over the 4 radios on
the night of the 11-11-42 - by saying
and american is at war - for this man
had a good come back at the full
blooded lovers and they do not like it
for this man did not have the 5
words in his talk that better than
10000 others words that were not in
there farther bitter favor - for they
say farther bitter say there must be
5 good words in any talk or speech in
his favor all there the talk or speech
and if those five words are not in it
he will see to it that they will be there
next time

CHARLES F. LEE

Yours Truly

Charles F. Lee

Box 636

Perley - Calif

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piece together about the defence contractor
is that they would form \$135 to \$152
extra to over \$100 they refuse to take
the contract for - for by adding up
to \$150 made. This will make much
more pay than he gets while the
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if there is no shut down for a matter
of light of time make a dividend of some
kind in favor of the axis so they can
keep their assets and point it off
again on and make much more money
to do it with so they may keep
their money - and know what a fraud
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that much more are having put up in
Los Angeles now are more than \$2700
to put up for each house for I am
told the wall of most of the houses
are of ship lap timber and if this
be true it is 5 men should complete one or
two (2) a week and with the spatter
and electric work - \$4500 for
each one is a lot of money —

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Porterville Man, Japan Prisoner, Radios Parents

PORTERVILLE (Tulare Co.), April 11.—A message from Everett Penning, prisoner of the Japanese,



Everett Penning

to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Penning, of Porterville, more complete than one recently reported by press associations, has been picked up by a short wave operator at Petaluma and forwarded here to his parents.

The Petaluma man who picked up the message was a short wave acquaintance of Young Penning. The message was picked up two days after the prisoner broadcast from Kobe, where Penning, taken prisoner on Guam, is interned. The message:

"Dear Mother and Dad: I pray you are well. We are interned at Kobe, Japan, and are being treated very well. We are living in a large barracks, which is a two story rambling structure, well heated and comfortable. We have a good library and good American food, well cooked and well balanced. During the day we are allowed to exercise and play games, such as baseball. Many of us are learning the Japanese language and find it very interesting.

"We rise at 7 o'clock each morning and retire very early in the evening. All the Pan American employees who were at Guam with me are well and in good spirits. There is a possibility we may be exchanged for Japanese prisoners held by the United States. Please write to the government and request such exchanges. There is nothing to worry about as we are being well taken care of. Love, Everett."

Mr. and Mrs. Penning also have received a cable from their youngest son, Hubert, who is stationed on Midway Island, saying he heard the Tokio broadcast Everett addressed to his parents and to his fiancée.

Deflection Hit

Native Fascists Are Being Rounded Up By Uncle Sam

One by one the American born Fascists are finding themselves looking at the world through prison bars.

George W. Christians of the Crusaders White Shirts in Louisville, Robert Noble and Ellis Jones in Los Angeles, and William Dudley Pelley in Indianapolis all are in jail charged with violation of the federal sedition act. It will be the nation's gain if they are convicted and isolated for the duration of the war.

But what of the sponsors and editors of *Social Justice*, the organ of Rev. Charles L. Coughlin, the most influential of the journals of the pro Axis operators?

Recently *Social Justice* carried the headline: United States Invades Ireland.

Social Justice recommended insurrection to men in the army and navy, saying: "Some day when our soldier boys return they will drag from their hiding places the connivers, deceivers, plotters and collaborators to mete out to them their just rewards. The longer we wait for that day, the severer will be the repercussions."

Social Justice called Democracy a mockery with these words: "Democracy! A mockery that muzzles the word and obstructs every effort of an honest people to establish a government for the welfare of the people." That gem was carried in 1938 under Coughlin's signature.

Social Justice printed these lies: That the Nazis are the victims of a "sacred war declared against Germany nine years ago by the Jews"; that Japanese aggression "is nothing more than an expansion of our own Monroe Doctrine"; and the idea of a United Nations offensive is "Moscow born and will produce a defeat abroad and the liquidation of Americanism at home."

These are simply repetitions of the falsehoods of Dr. Goebbels.

How much longer will *Social Justice* enjoy an immunity which it has forfeited numerous times?

Mr. J. E. Hoover of the F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

You will find a clipping inclose of the editor of the fresno bee of fresno calif.

I read a little about thin man Charles E. Coughlin and I dont really no if this man are makin it hot for a serton class in favor of uncle sam or not but I do no that 9/10 of this man Coughlin rase ar 2 face and agains all white people laws for 2 reasen they think still 2/3 slaves and can not say I what that white girl or woman and get her--and this rase says thare a party that are on thare side and maby some day this party will take us out from under the white man an American rules and law and let us bee free as the American whits are to day or have been mr hooverif you will parton me for saying that thare but little differen between the dragons and silver shirts and the bunds used by name for they after the same gold and backing up one another like the trick were don at pearl harbor
mr hoover I could say mor but if I do the lovers of the full blooded class may ware thar tungs out over the radioes and in all k ns of print stuff
and if uncle sam had plenty men like the are that talk over the 4 radioes an the night of the 4-11-42--by saying we American is at war for this man had a good caus back at the full blooded lovers and they do not like it for this man did not have the 5 words in his talk that better than 10000 others words that were not in thare farther hitler favor for they say farther hitler says thare must be 5 good words in any talk or speech in his favor all thrue the talk or speech and if theas five words are not in it he will see to it that they will be there next time

Yours Truly

/s/ Charles F. Lee
Pixley--Calif

Box 636

mr hoover from what I can catch and peace together about the defence contractors is that they add from \$1.25 to \$1.50 extra to ever \$1.00 they supose to take the contract for---for by adding up to \$1.50 more this will make uncle sam pay thare hi ups while the union has the works shut plann and if thare no shut down for a serton lighth of time make a dividen of some kine in favor of the axis so they can keep thare radio and print stuff gain an and youse uncle sam money to do it with as thay may keep thare owen and from what a frend tell me about the 20 x 30 feet houses that uncle sam are having put up in los vaguas neve are more than \$2700 to mutch for each house for I am told the wall of most of the houses are of ship lap tumber and if this be true 4 or 5 men shuld comple at one or two (2) a week out side the watter and electric works--\$4500 for each one is a lot of money----

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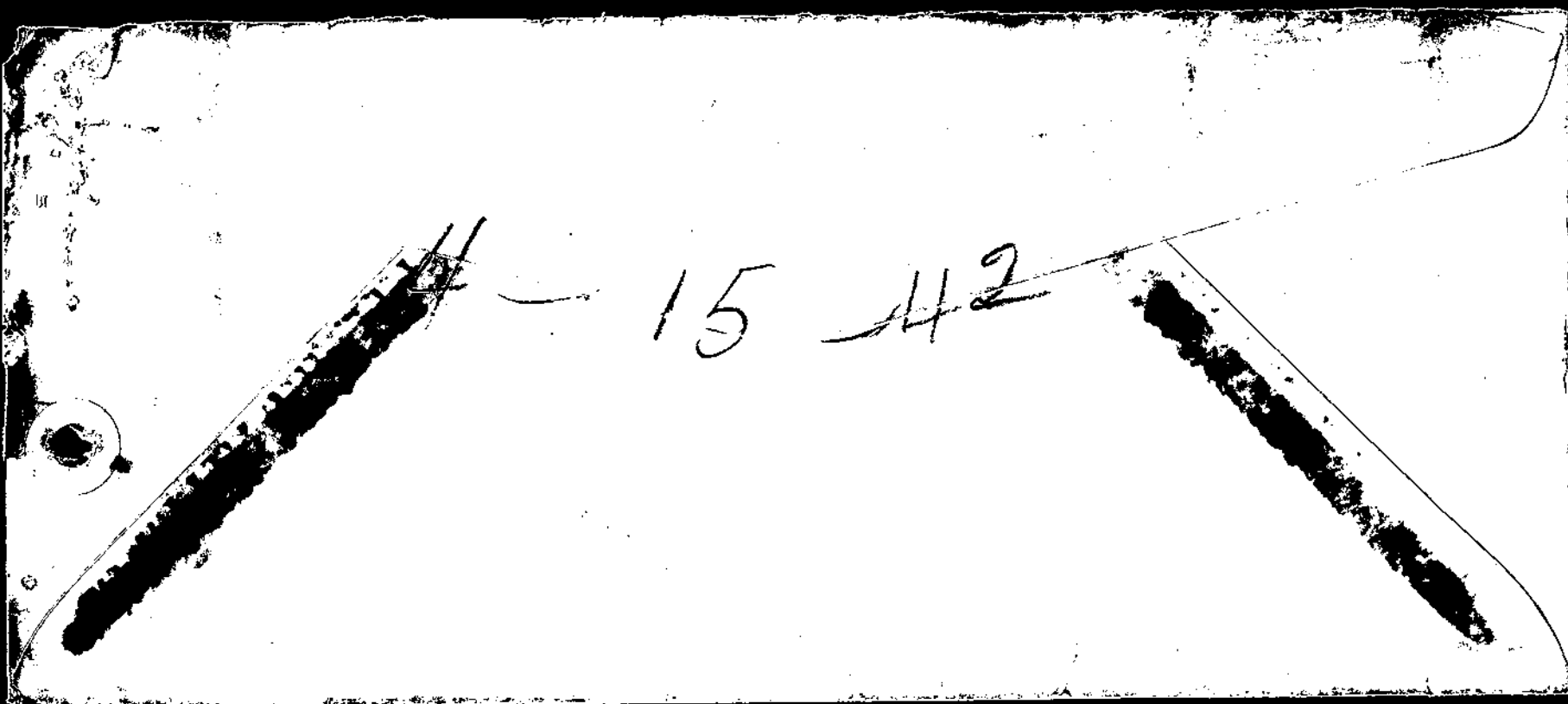
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Mr. J. E. Hoover of the F. B. I.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Let us begin our
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Very truly yours -
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation

Gentlemen -

How does it happen that you have failed to ban Father Charles E. Coughlin's paper "Social Justice?" It is truly a menace to our government, and should be stopped!

To be sure, Father Coughlin claims that he is no longer associated with it, but the fact that it is now owned by his own father and mother, disproves it. They, obviously, are merely so-called "Straw men", and no one is fooled by this ruse of Father Coughlin. He is still active as this nation's "Number one mischief maker", and it is certainly quite time that "Uncle Sam" put a stop to it!

Let us begin our drive against Father Coughlin, by banning the publication of "Social Justice"!

Very truly yours -

A Patriot

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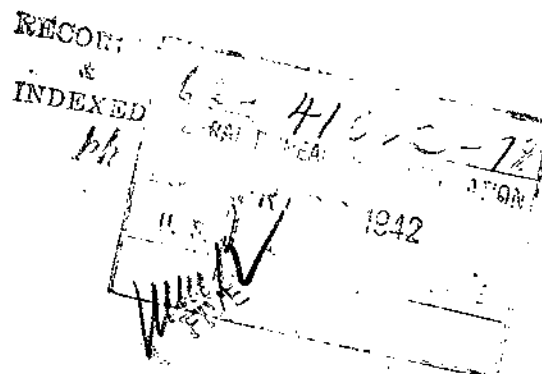
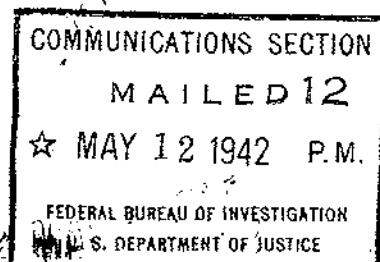
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This socalled Father ⁰Boughlin
of dubious/"Social Justice" fame
may be an unregistered alien since
he was born in Canada or came to
this country from Canada. Anyway,
it wont hurt to look into this angle.

J. G. Stoddard
1066 Glenlake Ave
Chicago, Ill



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APR 20 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

I wish to take this occasion to bring to your attention information recently made available to me by Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, regarding Father Coughlin.

Upon instructions of his publisher, Mr. Marshall Field, he discussed this matter with me personally with a view to receiving any suggestions that I could give.

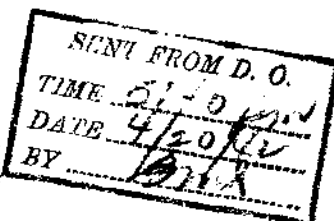
He pointed out that Mr. Field and he had, over a period of time, been conducting a very active campaign in an effort to expose Father Coughlin and "Social Justice" magazine. He stated that during these inquiries it had been ascertained, from what Mr. Ingersoll considered reliable sources, that Father Coughlin at the present time was being treated by a reputable Detroit psychiatrist for certain sexual difficulties. It was also stated that Father Coughlin had in his employ a maid or a secretary, with whom Father Coughlin had had relations, and who was also being treated by the same psychiatrist. The name of this psychiatrist was unknown to Mr. Ingersoll.

At this point, Mr. Ingersoll requested that I suggest the name of a woman investigator, preferably a Catholic, who could be sent to Detroit, Michigan, to join Father Coughlin's church and endeavor to obtain the true facts concerning this particular situation. I advised Mr. Ingersoll that I was in no position to make any recommendation for such an assignment.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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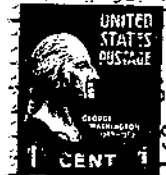
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Gentlemen:

It would be extremely advisable to investigate the unpatriotic activities of Charles E. Coughlin. His seditious remarks, as quoted, is sufficient cause for alarm by the American people in general! The reading of his sinister statements as contained in the various issues of the 'Social Justice' would incline one to realize his all-out effort to promote disunity, defection, and dissention amongst the various classes of people!

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Are we to allow such fifth-column transactions to exist here by this one Charles E. Coughlin while the majority of us are striving and straining to unite for a common cause? To crush a monstrous enemy who seeks to plunge us into suicidal slavery and debauchery beyond all measure of horror!

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Hoping your office will immediately act against
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Inclosed newspaper reports for a re-check.

Sincerely yours
Henry F. Curtin.

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'Social Justice' Defends Milton Mayer's Attack on the Jews in the 'Satevepost'

Current Issue Continues to Peddle the Enemy's Propaganda Themes

Social Justice—driven from the U. S. mails on grounds of sedition—reappeared on corners yesterday carrying an indorsement of Milton Mayer's attack on the Jews in the *Saturday Evening Post*.

This week's issue reached here by railway express, a means of transit that will be closed along with the mails hereafter.

The publication eulogizes the Mayer article as "more than a composition of scintillating sentences," and says:

"Its concluding portion is a burning noon-day sun which penetrates the sham of present-day materialism as it makes clear the everlasting truth of righteousness."

Social Justice calls on all Americans to thank the SEP and Mayer for their "just chastisement" of the Jews.

The current issue of *Social Justice* reckons with sedition under the definition laid down by Attorney General Biddle in his recommendation to the Post Office Dept. which resulted in the mailing ban Tuesday.

It echoes the same "themes of enemy propaganda" found in previous issues by the Justice Dept.

This means that *Social Justice* cannot be sent first class either, for the Justice Dept. informed postmasters yesterday that copies mailed first class might be stopped if the issue involved is seditious.

The Justice Dept. also is exploring provisions of the so-called Trading With the Enemy Act under which interstate movement of seditious literature might be stopped.

Meanwhile, Charles Coughlin and his followers began their fight to spread the seditious doctrines of *Social Justice*, despite Government actions.

In Philadelphia, Mrs. Agnes Waters, anti-war and anti-Jew critic from Washington,

told a heavily guarded meeting of the Crusading Mothers of Pennsylvania that the President was a "traitor," and should be impeached. Another speaker at the meeting extolled *Social Justice*.

"If we didn't learn the truth from this paper, we wouldn't be here tonight," she said. "We know the truth and that's why we are here."

In Detroit, Prewitt Semmes, Coughlin's attorney, told PM's correspondent that Jack Stewart, vice president of the Cuneo Press, printers of *Social Justice*, "was working on a plan" to facilitate shipment of the paper "that would avoid Federal suppression."

He described Stewart as the middleman between the press and the paper and said it was Stewart who had proposed the plan of continuing *Social Justice* under another name and distributing it as a weekly supplement to the *Tablet* of Brooklyn and other papers.

A Detroit hawker of *Social Justice*, Margaret Mangin, said the sales force had been instructed to "go on now on to take subscriptions."

Commenting on the matter, Rev. John A. Donovan, secretary to Archbishop Mooney of Detroit, said yesterday that the Archdiocese would take no action against Coughlin "as

a disciplinary measure," even though he might be indicted on Federal treason counts.

In Detroit, Gerald L. K. Smith, Coughlin's henchman of Huey Long and pro-Fascist editor and orator, announced that he was considering seeking the Republican nomination for the Senate in Michigan as a champion of Coughlin.

Smith, currently head of the Committee of 1,000,000, attacked the Administration for the banning order in much the same way the Rome and Berlin radio broadcasts did Wednesday night.

Delivery of this week's *Social Justice* through the Railway Express Agency since the copies were already in transit before the Agency issued its order forbidding the shipment of any matter banned from the mails.

The Coughlin Column, Christian haters and other pro-Fascist groups were springing into action.

In Detroit, squads of cars starting from Royal Oak attempted to make house-to-house distribution to local subscribers. Twenty-one people were hawking *Social Justice* in downtown Detroit by noon yesterday.

In New York, a PM reporter found no shortage of *Social Justices*. The normal number of street-corner peddlers was seen and newsstands which carried the magazine before the Post Office order, continued to carry it.

One newsdealer said he had sold 100 copies his normal run, but he expected to get more today and expected to get more. He said many people who had been receiving *Social Justice* through the mails had bought it from him.

Most news dealers who handle *Social*

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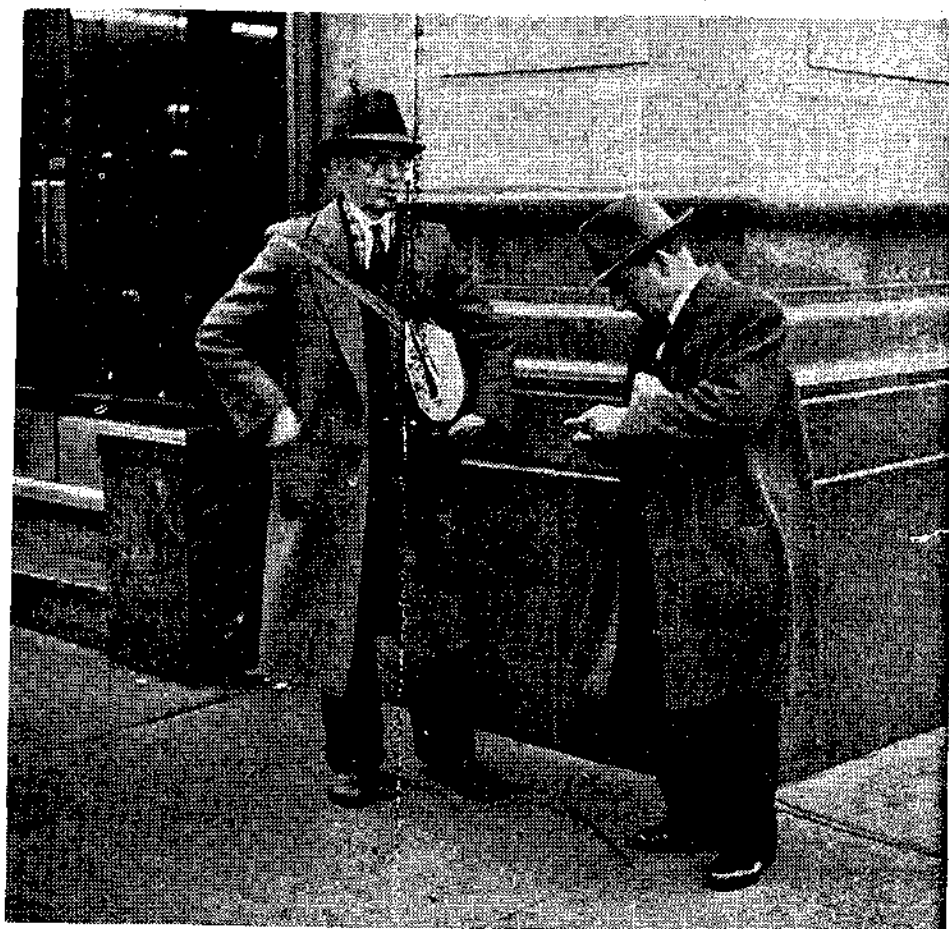
Justice said their sales were up. They said the magazine had been delivered to them as usual.

In Boston, street sales were up and the Coughlinites proclaimed their defiance of the Government. William J. Gallagher, who invited Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlin's Eastern voice, to the public Evacuation Day program, charged that the banning order was the "final step toward totalitarianism."

He charged the Administration with being Nazi, saying:

"The brown shirt seems to have come here from Europe."

Now turn the page to see how the current issue of *Social Justice* still echoes the Nazi propaganda line.



Despite Ban by U. S. Government authorities, *Social Justice* still is sold on New York streets as these pictures show. PM's

Leo Lieb took these two shots yesterday at Church and Fulton Sts. in downtown Manhattan. Other spots were sold out when photographer reached them.

'I Take the Road to Fascism, ... I'd Be Cut With a Gun'—Coughlin

Dale Kramer is a well-known magazine writer. His articles have appeared in Harper's, Survey Graphic, The Nation, and other magazines. At the time of the interview he was editor of the National Farm Holiday News.

By DALE KRAMER

Six years ago Charles E. Coughlin told me he was taking the road to Fascism. He said he expected to be the U. S. A.'s Fascist dictator and that he had no objection to getting out with a gun to destroy a liberal government—if necessary, the Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I talked for an hour with Coughlin in Des Moines, Ia., 1936. He was at the height of his power. A few months before a great convention in Cleveland he had made a deal with the powerful Townsend movement and the remnants of Huey Long's organizations which resulted in the placing in the Presidential race of Rep. William Lemke of North Dakota, at present a close associate of Sen. Gerald P. Nye.

That evening I had watched through the glass walls of a radio studio as Coughlin broadcast his weekly address. He shouted, shook his fists, pounded his chest, sweated, and behaved himself generally in the manner of Hitler addressing a meeting at the Sportsplatz.

But he spoke quietly in private, and not without humor. We proceeded to a discussion of Fascism through the possibility of Lemke's election. Coughlin was contemptuous of Lemke and he was frank in saying that he was using the North Dakota to establish himself as a major figure.

Did he believe Roosevelt's Administration to be Communist? Of course, Jim Farley was playing along with "Communist buying of votes." Secretary of State Hull was assailed most bitterly of all. "Hull—Hull the internationalist and No. 1 Communist." After that came Frances Perkins, Ickes, Morgenthau, Tugwell, Mordecai Ezekiel—all Communists. He was so angry at Henry Wallace that he ran sideways across the room and ducked quickly, indicating, he said, how Wallace ran and hid on Tugwell's approach.



Fascist friend of Coughlin is Gerald L. K. Smith who is receiving a friendly finger wave from the Royal Oak rabble-rouser. Smith announced yesterday he'd run for the U. S. Senate to defend friend Coughlin.

We proceeded to a discussion of Fascism via a recent issue of *Social Justice* which had kind words to say about Hitler.

One thing is sure," Coughlin said in a soft matter-of-fact voice, "democracy is doomed. This is our last election."

What will happen?" I asked.

It is Fascism or Communism. We are at the crossroads."

What road do you take?"

"Take the road to Fascism."

He did not say anything at first because I was afraid that he would realize how he had misled himself and that the interview was a close. Did he think, I asked finally.

Coughlin nodded.

"I've followed Hitler's career closely," he said. "As early as 1926 I predicted his rise to power."

He held up a finger wisely.

"The radio," he said. "You've got to have the radio. Hitler would have gotten nowhere without the radio."

What about the Jews?

"I had heard from Milo Reno, leader of the 'farm revolt' of 1932-33 and a close

associate of Coughlin, that the Royal Oak orator had one of the most comprehensive anti-Semitic libraries in the world and that his private conversations were filled with vicious anti-Jewish remarks. I had myself heard Coughlin's personal representative to the National Farmers Holiday convention of 1936 read in private a bitterly anti-Semitic address which he was dissuaded from delivering in public.

But Coughlin was not ready to come into the open. Later, after Lemke's candidacy had been a fiasco—and perhaps under pressure from intimate advisers not yet revealed—he was to give him a shot in the arm with frank Jew-baiting. It might be said that Coughlin would not do it. He should have remembered that.

We talked of the Spanish Civil War, at that time in progress. Did he favor the Fascist side? Of course. Well, supposing the American people elected a government with roughly the aims of the Spanish Loyalists? "I'd be out with a gun!"

He had just finished describing the Roosevelt Administration as Communist.

The impression grew on me that here was a man filled with a strange fanatic hate and lust for power. It was a personal impression of the man that I had not got from his broadcasts and writing. Because of that intimate conversation I never believed the later consistent predictions that Coughlin was through. I thought, and I still think so, that he believes himself America's ordained leader, and that he will never cease believing and struggling for his goal.

I decided to go all the way, even if he suddenly became alarmed and made a scene.

"If Jew-baiting will not work in America, than what sort of slogans do you expect to use?" I asked. "You have Bolshevism. The Fascists are always saving their country from the Bolsheviks."

"The politicians," he answered without a moment's hesitation. "The politicians. When I cut loose on the politicians they get out of their seats and go wild."

It was time for the rebroadcast, and I picked up my notes and started to go. But he grasped my arm. He was getting emotionally wrought up again.

"Another good one," he said, "is the stock-market gamblers. You can always work them into a lather with that one. Oh, there'll be no lacking of slogans."

The studio man motioned that Coughlin would be on the air in a few seconds. I shook the would-be leader's damp hand quickly and went away.

'Mothers' Call FDR Traitor

Ask His Impeachment; 'Social Justice' Praised

Special Correspondence

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 17.—Mrs. Agnes Waters, antiwar, anti-Administration and anti-Jew agitator from Washington, in afternoon and evening meetings here yesterday, called President Roosevelt a traitor and demanded his impeachment. Another speaker at the meetings praised *Social Justice*.

Mrs. Waters, who calls Rep. Clare Hoffman, "our Jesus Christ," spoke at a meeting of Crusading Mothers of Pennsylvania in Rayburn Plaza, a public square opposite City Hall.

In the audience were 24 "Mothers" with American flags, about 60 FBI agents, the police radical squad, newspapermen, four soldiers and two sleeping bums. The soldiers left on request of Mrs. Waters.

"A friend in Naval Intelligence told me not to say anything when soldiers are present," she said. Although the other two soldiers remained, stating, "lady, we're fighting for this country; we can hear anything that's said," Mrs. Waters continued her speech. She read from notes to protect herself from the "Jewish controlled press."

Went Back to Sleep

One bum woke up, listened, yawned and walked away. The other also was roused by her words, but went back to sleep.

"What did they do with MacArthur?" asked Mrs. Waters. "They sent him to Australia to protect foreigners but they left that's treason."

"I demand that Roosevelt resign, or be impeached or court-martialed."

"The officers and men at Pearl Harbor were dead drunk on Dec. 7. . . . Adm. Kimmel was promoted over 40 other men because he would take orders from a traitor. . . . Great Britain has no real front. . . . They are only fighting in Africa. Is that why we are fighting Hitler, to save the Niggers of Africa?"

"The Jews control everything in America. The Administration is using Hitler's and Stalin's regular procedure. They tell me I won't even have a trial, that I'll be put into an insane asylum. Well, I don't care. I demand a negotiated peace."

Mrs. Waters said she is the widow of a World War veteran and has two daughters.

There was a repeat performance in the evening—staged for "Mothers who have children and couldn't get to the afternoon meeting."

Called FDR Traitor

A Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Waters took turns at the microphone, and between them called the President a traitor half a dozen times.

Mrs. Brown had a good word for *Social Justice*.

"If we didn't learn the truth from this paper we wouldn't be here tonight," she said. "We know the truth and that's why we are here."

The "Mothers" circulated through the crowd and asked soldiers, sailors and Marines to leave. Several sailors and marines stood in the Plaza during the meeting. One sailor announced to reporters that he was going over to the YMCA and come back with 75 men to "take care of things." Later, he said an officer warned him not to do it.

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Mr. McWilliams, one of the most dynamic and effective orators who ever challenged and fought the Communists and Internationalists, has done much to acquaint our people with the true nature of the subversive elements trying to destroy Christian Civilization and our American Republic!

"Compared with what we ought to be, we are only half awake. We are making use of only a small part of our physical and mental resources. Stating the thing broadly, the human individual thus lives far within his limits. He possesses powers of various sorts which he habitually fails to use."

WILLIAM JAMES, Professor of Psychology, Harvard University, 1906-1910.

"In my library are about a thousand volumes of biography—a rough calculation indicates that more of these deal with men who talked themselves upwards than with all the scientists, writers, saints, and doers combined. Talkers always have ruled. They will continue to rule. The smart thing is to join them."

BRUCE BAXTON in Collier's Magazine, July 10, 1937.

This experienced fighter will

♦ Train you to think on your feet and enable you by constant supervised practice, to address meetings of every kind;

♦ Help you destroy fear, cure an inferiority

This leaflet touting the notorious pro-Nazi Jew-baiter, Joe McWilliams, was inserted in last week's issue of *Social Justice* distributed in Chicago.

This Yorkville Nws Dealer Knows His Customers

White arrows point to the unusually pinent display which the news dealer at 208 E. 86th St. Coughlin's *Social Justice*.

This fellow is a smart dealer. He's opening in the heart of Yorkville and he knows his customers.

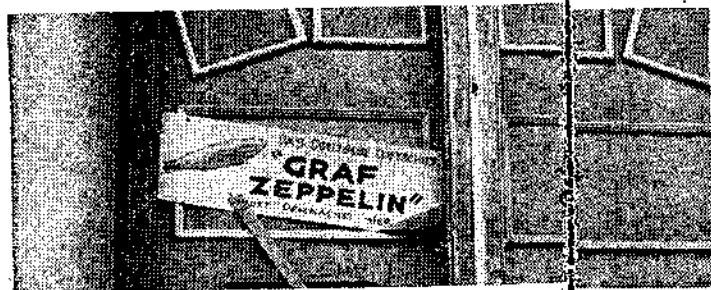
Yorkville still is full of Nazis who miss the old Bund paper, the *Weekruf und Beobachter*, which the Government banned the first week of the war. Last week they've been turning to *Social Justice* for the kind of thing they like to read.

At this same stand, Yorkville's Nats can also get Hitler's line first-hand in Nazi papers published in Germany. A PM photographer and reporter bought some last week—more than four months after Germany declared war on us.

Naturally the editions on sale were of pre-war date. But their Nazi propaganda is more dangerous today, now that we are at war, than it was at the time of publication.

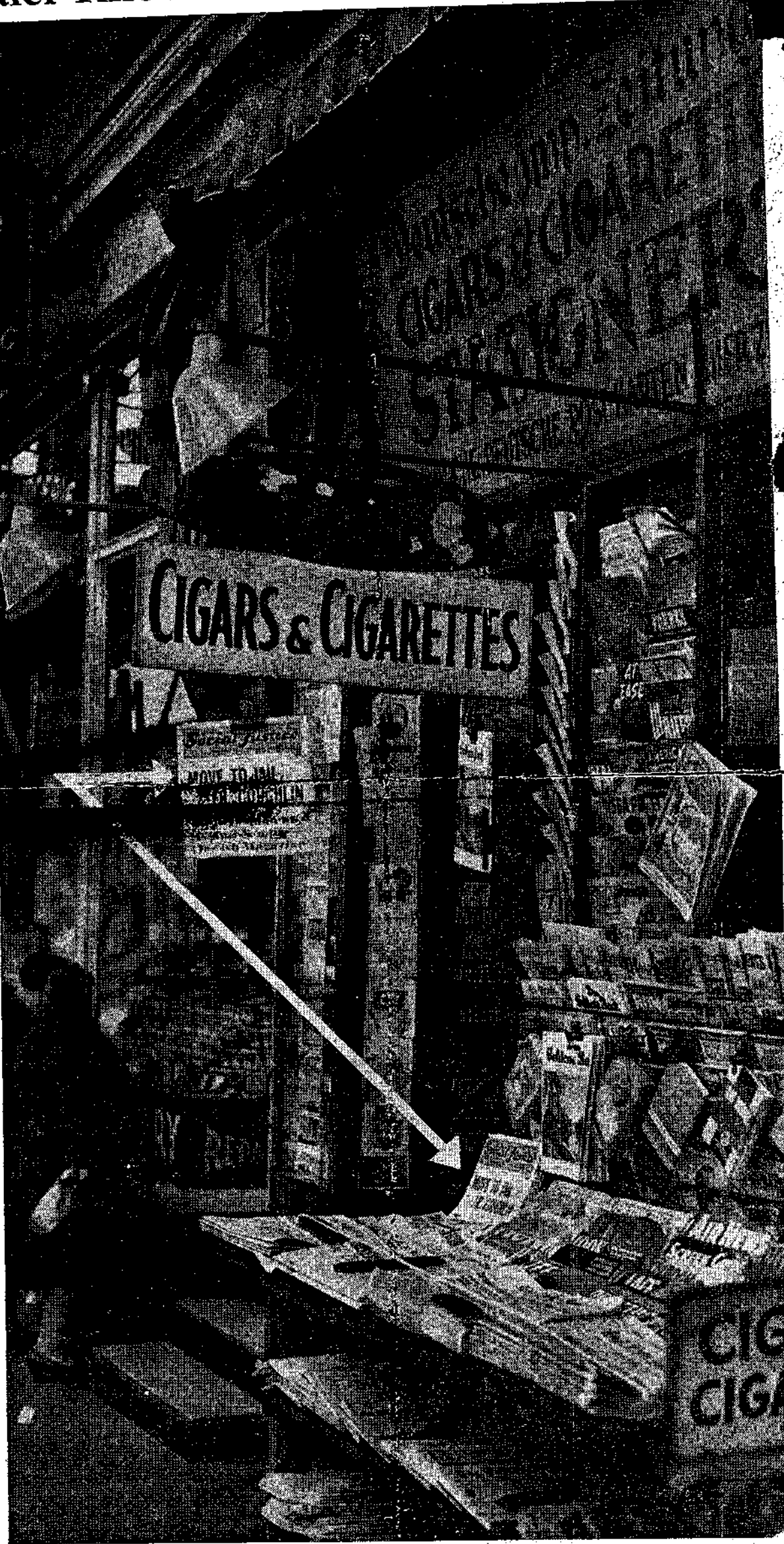


Here's one of the Nazi publications a PM reporter bought at a Yorkville newsstand a few days ago. It's the *Illustrated Review of National Economy, Labor and Defense*. Some choice quotations from its contents: "The U. S. A. is planning to steal Vichy's colonies in the Western Hemisphere"; "Behind an iron will to build up a just order in East Asia under her leadership . . . Japan's Army and Navy grows mighty"; "Yugoslavia . . . collapsed under Germany's hard blows . . . and from its ruins are rising, breathing freely at last, its oppressed peoples"; "The Yugoslavs are breathing so freely under the Nazis that 200,000 of them still are fighting Hitler's hordes in the hills). U. S. authorities aren't letting this kind of stuff get into the country any more. It is up to local officials to pick up what already has slipped in.



Yorkville's Nazis enjoy their own quiet jokes. One of them is this old poster still clinging to the door of the movie house, long closed, at 1441 Third Ave. It reads: "The Graf Zeppelin lands here soon."

Photos by Martin Harris and Alan Fisher, PM



'Social Justice' Still Echoes Axis Line, Despite Mail Ban

Page by Page, It Follows the Axis Line of Attempting to Arouse Disunity, Disloyalty and Defeatism

The current issue of *Social Justice*, dated Apr. 20, apes every Axis propaganda theme defined by Attorney General Biddle last Tuesday. (See photostatic examples on this page.)

Enemy Theme No. 1: "Pride in the achievements of the Axis powers and sympathy with their aims."

Current issue of *Social Justice*: "The fall of Bataan marks the first serious loss of American prestige in the Far East. . . . If the Japanese Fleet could protect landing parties on the Philippines, were the combined fleets of the United Nations impotent to do likewise?"

Enemy Theme No. 2: "Disparagement of the intentions and motives of Great Britain and the U. S. A."

Current issue of *Social Justice*: "As yet, according to report, the English people have not been enlightened on the subject of war aims, nor have the American people. . . . That Karl Marx may win a victory inside America while the nation is fighting for its self-preservation outside America is not quite so obvious to casual observers although it is a possibility from this moment onwards unless CIO-ism is purified."

Enemy Theme No. 3: "Blame for the war on international bankers and their control of or influence in the present national administration and in the governments of the Allies."

Current issue of *Social Justice*: "Yet I have singled out for condemnation only such Jews and Gentiles as are linked with international finance and Communism to the

detriment of the world. . . ." (Reprint from a June, 1939, speech by Coughlin.)

Enemy Theme No. 4: "Creation of racial hatreds and distrust."

Current issue of *Social Justice*. Defended the Mayer article (see Page 3): "Have the Jews forgotten that there never was a time and never will be a time as long as this world is the world when they will not be criticized and assailed? . . . we remind Jewry that democracy will not save them. . . ."

Enemy Theme No. 5: "Constant and frequent attacks upon the war policies of the present Government."

Current issue of *Social Justice*: ". . . the miserable showing of the United Nations combined in the Orient, in Europe and in North Africa. . . . As for politics, politicians and political elections, there will be no more time wasted on such democratic, peacetime affairs because the stringency of needs will compel Government to institute a military regime covering every section of national life."

Enemy Theme No. 6: "Doubt as to the ability of the United Nations to win the war."

Current issue of *Social Justice*: "We can't squander our wealth all over the world in losing campaigns and hope to save ourselves. Meanwhile, Americans still given to questionings, surmises and doubts though the war in the Orient has not been lost completely. . . . It is quite possible that not only foodstuffs but drugs will be dispensed only to those holding rationing cards."

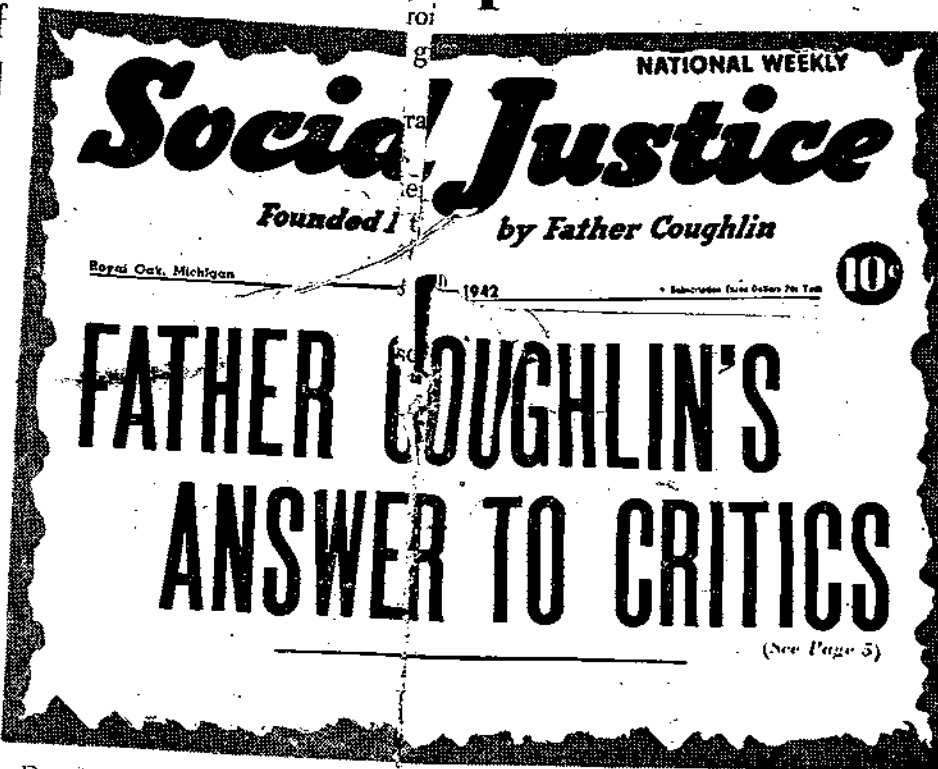
But granted that these dispatches are only half-truths, they represent more cause for rejoicing than all the miserable showings of the United Nations combined in the Orient, in Europe and in North Africa.

As yet, according to report, the English people have not been enlightened on the subject of war aims. Nor have the American people.

Have the Jews forgotten that there never was a time and never will be a time as long as this world is the world when they will not be criticized and assailed?

As for politics, politicians and political elections, there will be no more time wasted on such democratic, peacetime affairs because the stringency of needs will compel Government to institute a military regime covering every section of national life.

Here are four choice examples of how current issue of *Social Justice* still continues Axis line, despite U. S. Government action banning it from mails.



Despite protestation he is no longer connected with *Social Justice*, the current issue has Coughlin in black type and his picture in lower corner.

As for what happened in the Philippines, all we know is that, without whining or complaining, our boys in Bataan received nothing but congratulatory cablegrams while we generous-hearted Americans essayed to find ways and means to help save others while openly confessing our inability to save our own. An insufficiency of airplanes, munitions, food and medicine caused their defeat as much as did the onslaughts of the Japanese.

The fall of Bataan marks the first serious loss of American prestige in the Far East. Preceding this catastrophe, Britain's glory and grandeur were charred in the scorched earth policy at Hong Kong, Singapore and Burma, as was the Dutch Empire's might at Java. But the Orientals, despite this, never once questioned the ability of the United States to prove its might. Only by a compensating victory can this psychological loss be repaired.

Australasia, for all practical purposes, is the sole remaining symbol of the white man's empire in a hemisphere whose exploited sons and daughters, living north of that sub-continent, long since were taught

to tremble at the mere mention of a mighty man-of-war.

Though the war in the Orient has not been lost completely, it behooves us to admit that a damaging defeat has been suffered—so damaging that it cannot be measured by battalions of soldiers, fleets of seagoing battle-wagons, armadas of airplanes; so damaging that we Americans, to offset it, will be compelled to treble our present war effort.

It is not the province of the laity in America to state why MacArthur and Wainwright were not given adequate aid. The business of the laity, like soldiers, is but to do and die. Nevertheless, questions will be asked: "Where was our fleet—and the British fleet?"

"If the Japanese fleet could protect landing parties on the Philippines, were the combined fleets of the United Nations impotent to do likewise?"

"Where were our airplanes which might have been flown to an unoccupied portion of the Philippines?"

From Bataan, *Social Justice* draws picture of defeatism, distrust of the U. S. Government and United Nations, and hopelessness of war effort.

A Six-Year War Will Change Things

THREE YEARS ago when we were busy remodeling the Neutrality Act in order to "keep America out of war"—as officials said—few persons believed there would be a Pearl Harbor.

A month before Pearl Harbor few Americans doubted that, if war with Japan eventuated, the Japanese could survive more than six months—or a year, at most.

Only the initiated were positive that war was in the offing—because it was planned that way.

It is quite possible that not only foodstuffs but drugs will be dispensed only to those who hold rationing cards with emphasis favoring war workers first.

Insofar as bombing of industrial centers is a likelihood large areas of homes may be destroyed in our already overcrowded industrial centers. This means that the

Prediction of a six-year war attacks national morale and war effort.

Mr. Mayer, The Post And the Jews

IN THE more than 200 years of its existence (1728-1942) *The Saturday Evening Post*, founded by Benjamin Franklin, has not experienced such repercussions as were felt this last fortnight.

Scores of Jewish newspapers and periodicals launched an attack against America's most widely read weekly because the editors of the *Post* saw fit to publish an article entitled "The Case Against the Jew" by Milton Mayer, a gifted Jewish writer.

Mr. Mayer's March 28th contribution to the *Post* was replete with scintillating and provocative remarks which the reading public will find difficult to forget.

Meanwhile, instead of denouncing Mr. Mayer for his timely article which scouted the impracticability of Jewish assimilation with gentiles on the basis of a paganistic program, let all religious persons in America be humble enough to thank the gentleman and the *Saturday Evening Post* for the just chastisement which they were instrumental in administering.

Like rest of Fascist press, *Social Justice* feasted on Mayer's SEP article.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Inquiry from Transradio Press
re possible arrest of
Father Coughlin

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A representative of the Transradio Press called the Director's Office and I talked to him. He stated that Transradio had a tip that the FBI would arrest Father Coughlin in Detroit in the next day or so. He wanted to know if this was correct. I told him we were not informed of any such contemplated arrest.

He then wanted to know if we were investigating Father Coughlin. I told him we could not comment on this. He then stated he understood from a very reliable source we were to arrest Coughlin. I asked him how authentic his tip was. He said very authentic. I asked him where it came from. He said from an official in the Department of Justice. He would not comment further. Accordingly, I called

[redacted] of Transradio Press in New York, and told him confidentially that we had this inquiry and we were curious to know the source of the information. He said he would get the source immediately but that in passing it on to us it would have to be understood that it would be purely for our own confidential information. [redacted] called back shortly thereafter and stated that the information developed as follows:

Last evening Fred Scherff, who has been employed by Transradio Press for some time and has been in Washington between two and three months, formerly employed by the Reuters News Agency, had dinner last evening with a woman lawyer in the Department of Justice named Jeanne Meyer, who is an assistant to William Powers Maloney, and with Mr. Hickey, the former Special Prosecutor, who is now in the Navy. In the course of the conversation, the woman stated that it was well-rumored around the Department of Justice that Father Coughlin would be arrested within one, two, or three days. However, neither Hickey nor the woman could confirm this. Both of them stated they would check around today and see if they couldn't find out something further on this.

[redacted] pointed out that Scherff was very close to William Powers Maloney, he worked close to Maloney in the Viereck case, Maloney has taken a liking to Scherff, Scherff has cultivated Maloney as a news source which is, of course,

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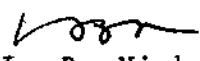
only logical and reasonable. He stated Scherff is very unimaginative and reliable and if he says a thing, he must have been told about it. Scherff passed the information on to the Washington Office of Transradio and John Knollman was the individual who called this morning.

Naturally [] stated that Transradio would not use anything until they had a definite clearance, that either Knollman or Scherff would call us later. b7D

[] stated his own opinion was that a lot of people thought Father Coughlin should be arrested but he also felt doubly sure Coughlin would not be arrested unless orders came from the White House.

[] reiterated that the information furnished by him as to the news source should be kept confidential. I assured him we would not violate his confidence.

Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

I thought that I should advise you of an editorial entitled "Is Coughlin the Target, or Press Freedom?" which appeared in the Los Angeles Times dated April 16, 1942.

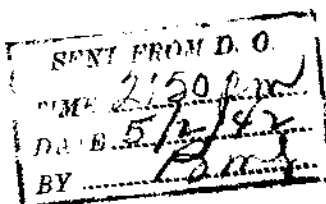
For your full information I have had prepared a typewritten copy of this particular editorial which is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN⁰

Dear Sir:

I thought you would be interested in
the editorial enclosed herewith, which was
published in the "Los Angeles Times" of April
16, 1942.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Is Coughlin the Target, or Press Freedom?

The sudden zeal of United States Attorney General Biddle in behalf of American morale, as represented by his attempt to suppress the weekly publication founded by the radio priest, Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, and still presumed to be his mouthpiece, although he himself disavows official connection with it, contrasts oddly with Biddle's heretofore consistent policy. The Times holds no brief for Father Coughlin, with whom it strenuously disagrees on almost everything.

But the Biddle who has succeeded in barring "Social Justice" from the mails because of its asserted attacks on the American war effort is the same Biddle who, immediately after their seizure by the F.B.I., freed Robert Noble and Ellis O. Jones, who had been shrilly denouncing the American war effort in Los Angeles.

It is the same Biddle who jeopardized the safety of the West Coast because of his stubborn and unjustified opposition to the restraint of Japanese in this area.

It is the same Biddle who forbade the arrest of any person accused of subversive utterances except on his personal, written order.

It is the same Biddle who tried, in the guise of a "war secrets bill," to put over in Congress a measure that would have

throttled the free voice of the American press.

And now this same Biddle, suddenly alarmed over the published views of a sensation-seeker whose opinions are pretty generally discounted by the public anyway, invokes the Espionage Act of 1917 to prevent their dissemination and to hale their sponsors before agents of the government.

There is more at stake in this than the dubious tenets which Father Coughlin expounds. To a degree, at least, the case involves the traditional American doctrine of freedom of the press, now more important than ever in this time of crisis.

There are well-defined limits of seditious utterances. Let that be the criterion for government action.

Mere criticism or what, in one man's opinion, may constitute undermining of "morale" as a basis for suppression of a publication opens the door to arbitrary censorship and suppression of democratic discussion in this country. Attorney General Biddle should explain this sudden reversal of form. It ties in too closely with his well-known effort to throttle the press in the "war secrets bill" to go unchallenged.

Where freedom of speech is concerned, it is better to err on the side of liberality than of gag imposition.

L. a. Times
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 6, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

In a conversation with Malcolmson this morning, he pointed out that Fitzmorris of the News-Week called him yesterday about the contemplated arrest of Father Coughlin within the next day or two. I told Malcolmson we understood that somebody in the Department was saying that Coughlin would be arrested in the next one, two or three days.

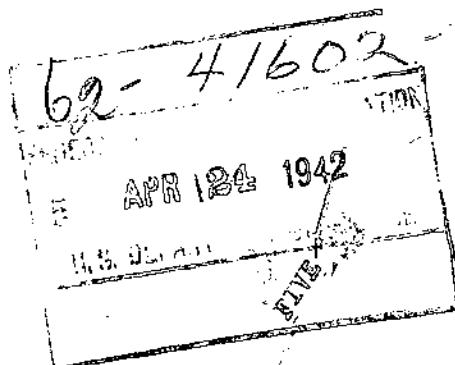
Malcolmson was very much incensed about this and said that he agrees with us on this premature publicity business but that their hands are tied and that they are more or less the victims of circumstance.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
L. B. Nichols

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May 15, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: MRS. HARRY VALLO
INTERNAL SECURITY - General

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Dear Sir:

For your information only there are attached hereto copies of a letter which was received at the Bureau on April 24, 1942, from Mrs. Harry Vallo 3001 1/2 South Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan, by reference from the White House.

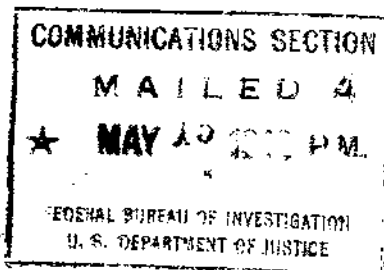
This letter has not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Kramer _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Enclosure



Frank W. [unclear]
April 17th 1942

Dear President:

X Just a few lines to let you know
our son "Robert" has made the
supreme sacrifice for us & country.
Also for "Freedom", may I be

granted my request that no
harm befall "Dr. Coughlin," had
we & our administration taken
all his head & warning we
might not have been in this
terrible blood bath.

My son knew when he
drafted to go to China where that
he was going to protect the big
interest of the international fur
& bankers Kuhn, Loeb & Co. so maybe
their hands are dripping with

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the blood of my boy. Had we just
prepared over here & gotten it
& not try to police the world
were we didn't have any business
it might have all been dif.
May my "Son" rest in "Peace" &
may he haunt any one who
laid hands on our beloved
For. Coughlin. He knew from the
last world war, what the Jews
were doing & we said never
against him we
our country to him
the thoughtless Gov. "24"
Yours respectfully
Mrs. J. H. Coughlin

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Mr. H. Vallo
 3001 1/2 S. Sag. St.
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Mr. Franklin, D. ...
 Washington D.C.
 % White House
 Please forward.

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 FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
 AND CONSIDERATION

W. H. D. ...
 Secretary to the President

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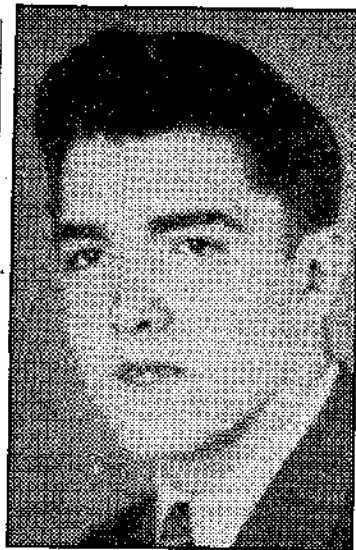
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High Mass Set Thursday— For Flint Youth on Langley

Requiem high mass will be held Thursday at 8 a. m. in St. Matthew church for Robert R. Vallo, 20, of Flint, who was reported missing in action by navy authorities Sunday in a telegram to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vallo, 3001½ South Saginaw street. He was stationed aboard the aircraft tender Langley, which was sunk off Java Feb. 27.

Vallo, aviation machinist's mate, enlisted in the navy in September, following graduation from St. Matthew High school where he was active as a football player. He had been a Flint resident 10 years.

Surviving, besides the parents, are three sisters, Mrs. George Busse of Minster, Ohio, and Mrs. Edward Coyle and Miss Virginia Vallo, both at home.



Robert R. Vallo

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Flint, Mich.
April 17th/ 42

Dear President:

Just a few lines to let you know our son "Robert" has made the supreme sacrifice for us & country.

Also for Freedom may I be granted my request that no harm befall "Fr. Coughlin," had we & our administration taken all his heed & warning we might not have been in this terrible blood bath.

My son knew when he was drafted to go to China waters that he was going to protect the big interest of the international Jews & bankers Kuhn, Lock & Co. so maybe their hands are dripping with the blood of my boy. Had we just prepared over here & gotten strong & not try to police the world were we didn't have any business it might have all been dif.

May my "Son" rest in "Peace" & may he haunt any one who lays hands on Our beloved Fr. Coughlin. We knew from the last world war, what the Jews were driving at, we said never again & here we are giving even our country to the traitors. May the "Almighty" God" save us soon.

Yours respectfully

Mrs. Harry Vallo
3001 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. Sag. St.
Flint, Mich.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WENDELL BERGE

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

Supplementing previous communications based upon the request emanating from Mr. Henry A. Schweinhaut, there is enclosed herewith one copy of each issue of "Social Justice," Weekly, printed and distributed from December 1, 1941 to April 20, 1942, inclusive.

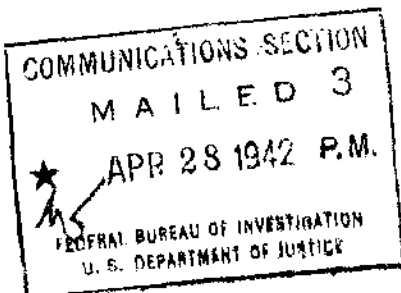
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Detroit - Michigan
April 25, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attention: Mr. D. E. FLINN

Re: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing under separate cover one copy of each of the issues of "Social Justice" for the period from December 1, 1941, through April 20, 1942, April 20, 1942, issue being the last issue published.

These issues were obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Cuneo Press, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, which company printed this paper for the "Social Justice" Publishing Company.

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In addition, I am enclosing fourteen extra copies of "Social Justice" for the period from December 1, 1941, through April 13, 1942, from the files of the Detroit Field Office. It is to be noted that this group is not complete.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Will Yolen
Warner Brothers Pictures,
Incorporated
321 West 44th Street
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Yolen:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter
dated March 31, 1942.

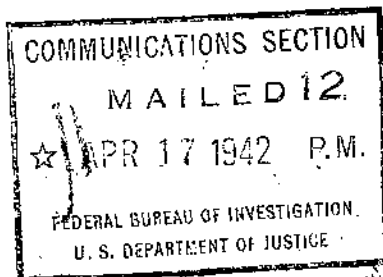
Your courtesy and interest in writing me as you
did are sincerely appreciated, and I wish to advise that
the Federal Bureau of Investigation is an investigative
agency of the Department of Justice, and is confined in
its activities to the investigation of certain Federal
statutes. The prosecution of matters which have been
investigated by this Bureau, rests entirely with the
Department of Justice, including the offices of the
United States Attorneys.

I wish to assure you that every effort is being
put forth by this Bureau to combat subversive activities,
and that any information relative to such activities is
gratefully received.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CIRCLE 6-1000

WARNER BROS

PICTURES, INC.
321 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK

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"WANEWAR"

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Holloman
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

March 31, 1942

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Here is your chance to nail
Coughlin on a sedition charge and
thus avoid the pitfalls of religious
charges and counter charges.

It seems to me that FM's
campaign is an effective one and,
with the authority and investigating
powers which your department has,
you should be able to do something
to eliminate one of the worst irrespon-
sible groups who are hamstringing our
war effort. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Will Yolen
Will Yolen

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New York, New York
April 4, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re. Father Coughlin

FATHER COUGHLIN

This will confirm conversation with your office on April 3, 1942 at which time I advised that RALPH INGERSOLL, Editor of the newspaper, "PM" telephonically contacted me stating that he was most desirous of personally seeing you at an early date on a matter which he considered of importance.

Mr. INGERSOLL stated that he was under obligation to pass on the information given to him only to Mr. HOOVER, for which purpose he was willing to proceed to Washington at any time. Mr. INGERSOLL stated that due to his obligation he could not disclose to me, or to anyone other than the Director of the FBI, the matter which he desired to discuss.

I informed him that I was under the impression you were away from the city at the present time, but I would pass on his request to his secretary.

Mr. INGERSOLL stated he might be reached in New York City at telephone BUTTERFIELD 8-2229, or at Lakeville, Connecticut, his home, telephone 459.

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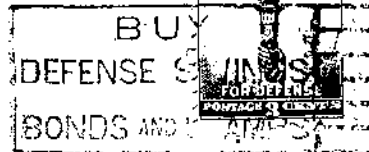
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Very truly yours,
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P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, CHIEF OF F. B. I.

WASHINGTON.

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W. K. BAYLESS

907 BAYSHORE BOULEVARD

TAMPA, FLORIDA

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 22, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

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Pursuant to the instructions of Mr. R. P. Kramer, Supervisor D. A. Flinn conferred with Mr. Henry A. Schweinhaut and Mr. Francis A. Mahoney of the Department, with reference to the above-captioned case, on the above date.

At that time Mr. Schweinhaut requested advice as to whether the Bureau had conducted any particular investigation into the activities of Father Coughlin, and he was advised that the investigation presently being made by this Bureau had been initiated upon the request of the State Department, with the approval of the Attorney General. However, the Department had never outlined any specific investigation that they considered desirable, nor indicated that they were intending prosecution under any specific statute. It was pointed out to him that a lengthy memorandum had been addressed to the Attorney General, summarizing the most obnoxious statements contained in the periodical "Social Justice," and that the reports available with reference to the inquiries pertaining to Father Coughlin had been furnished to the Criminal Division.

Schweinhaut and Mahoney, the latter on loan from the Special Defense Unit, are to handle the hearing on April 29, 1942, being given "Social Justice" by the Post Office authorities on an order to show cause why this periodical should not be banned from the mails. Schweinhaut pointed out that the statute on this particular subject does not give the Postmaster General specific authority to ban the use of the second-class mail privileges to any periodical, even though seditious or comprising espionage, since only certain mechanical requirements must be met for those privileges. The statute, however, does ban the use of first-class mail privileges where the transmittal of seditious material, or other material described in the Espionage Act of 1917, is made. Consequently, he admitted that there was little ground for the Postmaster General's order denying the use of the mails to "Social Justice."

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This case has recently been assigned to Mr. Schweinhaut and he is extremely desirous of securing any indication that "Social Justice" had either intentionally or otherwise been directed to military or naval establishments, or sent to men subject to the Selective Service Act. He thought by showing these facts that it would be more clearly indicated that "Social Justice" was seditious.



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He also requested a set of the issues of "Social Justice" magazines since December 7, 1941, and copies of any speeches made by Father Coughlin before he ceased his radio broadcasts, the latter to be used as material for cross-examination at the above-mentioned hearing.

It was pointed out to Schweinhaut that to launch an inquiry to determine whether "Social Justice" had gone to military or naval establishments was in the nature of a fishing expedition to substantiate action already taken. He readily admitted that this was true and did not request any specific inquiries other than a check to see if such material was available. Schweinhaut was advised that where the material he requested was available it would be forwarded to the Department at the earliest possible date.

Supervisor Flinn, upon the instructions of Mr. Kramer, contacted the Detroit Field Office at 9:30 P.M. on this date, and at 12:00 Noon on April 23, 1942, and discussed this case with Agent McFadden and SAC J. S. Bugas, respectively. SAC Bugas advised that their investigation had not reflected any concerted plan, or for that matter isolated instances, where "Social Justice" had been intentionally directed to military or naval establishments. He indicated, however, that probably an intensive investigation would reflect that many registrants under the Selective Service Act were the recipients of "Social Justice." He was not requested to initiate any inquiry in the latter regard.

Through recent contacts made by Special Agent R. T. Ross, the bulk mailing list of "Social Justice" has been secured. It comprises approximately 1,300 names and is being sent to the Bureau immediately by cover letter, with a set of "Social Justice" magazines since December 7, 1941. A complete individual mailing list of "Social Justice" is also being secured, and because of its voluminous nature will be retained at the Detroit Field Office for such disposition as may be necessary at a later date. The additional facts developed by the Detroit Office, with reference to the activities of Father Coughlin and the publication of "Social Justice", are being incorporated into a report immediately, so that the Bureau will be fully advised as to the complete investigation conducted to date.

In conclusion, SAC Bugas advised, with reference to Bureau letters requesting an opinion as to a technical surveillance, that such a surveillance would be impracticable, since Father Coughlin's service is through a small exchange and he maintains a private switchboard, with private wires, and their usual arrangements for this sort of surveillance cannot be applied. In view of his statements this matter is not being given further consideration at this time.

In view of the action of the Post Office and the fact that the Attorney General has advised "Social Justice" is going to be the subject of investigation by the Propaganda Grand Jury now convened in Washington, D. C., and being handled by Attorneys Maloney and Hickey of the Department, the following suggestions are set forth:

ACTION TAKEN:

Supervisor Flinn has reviewed the Christian Front file and extracted therefrom copies of all available speeches which were made by Father Coughlin during the spring of 1940. Copies of these speeches are being transmitted to the Department by cover memorandum. The Department is also being advised that the Bureau does not possess any information that "Social Justice" was intentionally or otherwise directed to military or naval establishments, or to men in the Armed Forces, with a definite plan of encouraging disunity, or for any other purpose.

FURTHER ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Upon receipt of the set of "Social Justice" magazines distributed since December 7, 1941, and the bulk mailing list, copies will be forwarded to the Department. All future investigative reports will also be submitted.

At the time this latter material is sent to the Department, it is recommended that the Bureau go on record as stating that no further investigative steps are being taken in this case, pending a specific request of the Department as to the exact inquiries desired. The basis for the Bureau's withdrawal of investigation would be that the Post Office Department has taken action against "Social Justice," by banning it from the mails, and that Father Coughlin and "Social Justice" magazine are being investigated by grand jury. Consequently, it would be a duplication of effort to continue the inquiry until such time as a definite outline of what is desired is made by the Department and the outcome of the grand jury proceedings is known. If you approve the memorandum transmitting the material to be sent in from Detroit will include a statement to the above effect.

Respectfully,


J. K. Mumford


W. K. BAYLESS
907 BAYSHORE BOULEVARD
TAMPA, FLORIDA

APRIL 20. 1942.

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER.

WASHINGTON , D. C.

DEAR SIR::

PROSECUTE FATHER COUGHLIN ON CHARGE OF LUNACY.
THIS WOULD DESTROY HIS FOWLING AND HIS PAPER.

EVEN IF YOU COULD NOT CONVICT AS A LUNATIC YOU COULD STILL
PROSECUTE HIM FOR SEDITION.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE THAT WILL SWEAR THAT HE IS CRAZY.
THIS WOULD RELEASE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY
FOR HIM AND SET THEM TO LAUGHING AT HIM.

ALSO TRY IT ON GERALD SMITH.

YOURS VERY TRULY.

W.K. Bayless
W.K. *BAYLESS

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May 26, 1942

Mr. W. K. Bayless
907 Bayshore Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Bayless:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WENDELL BAKER

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

As a result of a request made by Mr. Henry A. Schweinhart of the Department, Special Agent D. A. Flinn, of this Bureau, conferred with him on the afternoon of April 22, 1942, in connection with the above-captioned matter.

Pursuant to Mr. Schweinhart's request, there is attached hereto one copy each of the following speeches made by Father Coughlin over the radio in the spring of 1940:

Speech entitled "The Presidential Message to Congress," dated
January 7, 1940 (printed copy); (65-4279-233)

Speech entitled "Can Man Catch Up With the Machine?" dated
January 14, 1940 (printed copy); (65-4279-233)

Speech delivered over Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, on
January 28, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-249)

Speech entitled "The Church and the Social Order," dated
February 11, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-540)

Speech entitled "Will Politicians be Courageous," dated
February 18, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-643)

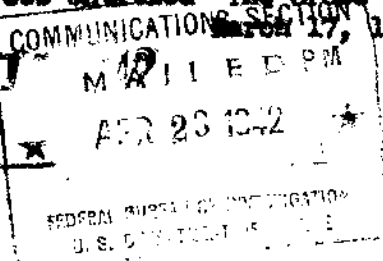
Speech entitled "A Revival of George Washington," dated
February 25, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-661)

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Speech entitled "Communism Accepts Religion," dated
March 3, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-768)

Address delivered over Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, on
March 10, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-796)

Address entitled "The Cross and Its Victims Suffering," dated
March 17, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-852)



Walter *John* *Box*

Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Berge

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Address entitled "Let Us Solve Our Home Problems," dated
March 31, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-925)

Address delivered over Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, on
April 7, 1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-970)

Address entitled "The Abuse of Bonds," dated April 14, 1940
(typewritten copy); (65-4279-1006)

Address entitled "Gold and the Second War," dated April 21,
1940 (typewritten copy); (65-4279-1026)

Address entitled "Basic Financial Policies Current in the United
States," dated April 28, 1940 (typewritten copy).
(65-4279-1042)

A request was also made for any information indicating that Social Justice magazine had been intentionally or unintentionally directed to military or naval establishments, or sent to men subject to the Selective Service Act. Please be advised in this regard that no information is available indicating any such action has been taken by the editors and distributors of Social Justice magazine.

There is considerable information with reference to Father Coughlin contained in the report of Special Agent Walter J. Higgins, dated February 19, 1940, at New York City, entitled WILLIAM GERALD BISHOP, Et Al., SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, SEDITION CONSPIRACY, THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. One copy of this report was sent to the Attorney General on February 28, 1940, and another copy was sent to the then Assistant to the Attorney General, O. John Rogge on February 29, 1940.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

On the basis of a request expressed to Supervisor D. A. Flinn, in a conference held by him yesterday with Mr. Henry A. Schweinhaut of the Department, there is attached hereto a memorandum transmitting copies of speeches made by Father Coughlin over the radio in the spring of 1940, which were contained in the Christian Front file.

The conference with Mr. Schweinhaut and the subsequent action taken and recommended will be the subject of a comprehensive memorandum now being typed.

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford
J. K. Mumford

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DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

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April 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Reference is made to the attached unsigned report, furnishing information about various persons and organizations in New York City.

You have instructed that an investigation be conducted of all subjects mentioned with the exception of John B. Trevos. A review of the Bureau's files indicates that all of these subjects are already under investigation by the Bureau and have been for some time.

The allegations made in the attached report are identical with those previously made by Walter Winchell, The Hour, and other publications in New York City.

Respectfully,

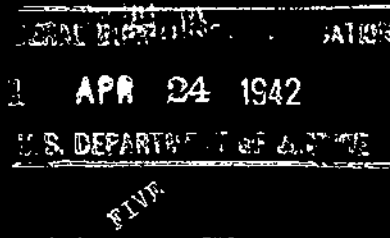
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The newspaper "Rossiya" of which the editor and publisher is;
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Col. Rybakoff, 480 Canal Street, New York City, is continually published with
propaganda and subsidized by the Japanese Government. Boris Barsol, 100-22487
is a dear friend of the Colonel and he ~~xxxx~~ is at 2 West 46th Street, New York City,
Room 1409 and is a friend of John B. Treves. It is known that the Japanese Edward
Government is subsidizing Christian Front, Father Coughlin, Father Curran, as 100-66-12-1-1
shown by money received from said Government, by Vincent Walsh a broker of
New York City. Col. Rybakoff is one of the leading figures of the White Russians
and should be investigated at once.

Director

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May 1, 1942

Check dated November 18, 1940 in the sum of \$1.25 payable to ELIZARETH DILLING and signed "MRS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ".

Check dated August 30, 1939 in the sum of \$8.00 payable to Rev. Chas. Coughlin and signed "MRS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ".

Check dated September 6, 1941 in the sum of \$3.00 payable to Scribners Commentator and signed "RS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ"

Mr. BROWN was apprized of the fact that the above checks were presently in possession of the Bureau and he stated that he would so advise Mr. MALONEY so that he could secure the checks from the Bureau in the event he desired to do so.

This material was turned over to Mr. BROWN since he has been most cooperative with the Louisville Field Division and it was felt that a refusal to do so in view of his knowledge of its existence would not be conducive to a maintenance of the good relationship existing between the United States Attorney's Office and the Louisville Field Division.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Moss
Special Agent in Charge

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MHS/lm
62-129

633 Federal Building
Louisville, Kentucky
May 1, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: VIOLA BODENSCHATZ, with aliases,
ETAL; MARGARETE GAERTNER, with
alias, FUGITIVE; REGISTRATION ACT;
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

FATHER COUGHLIN—SOCIAL JUSTICE
ELIZABETH DILLING

Dear Sir:

Mr. ELLI BROWN III, United States Attorney, Louisville, Kentucky on April 28, 1942, advised that WILLIAM POWERS MALONEY, Special Assistant to Attorney General, Department of Justice, had telephoned him the preceding day and stated he had read newspaper accounts of Mr. BROWN'S reference to Father COUGHLIN and ELIZABETH DILLING in the above captioned case in which subjects VIOLA BODENSCHATZ and GEORGE KARL BODENSCHATZ entered pleas of guilty in Federal Court in Louisville on April 17, 1942 for violation of Title 22, Section 233, USCA, in that they acted as foreign agents without prior notification to the Secretary of State. Mr. BROWN further advised that MALONEY had stated he was presently conducting an investigation in Washington of Father COUGHLIN, his paper Social Justice, and ELIZABETH DILLING and would appreciate Mr. BROWN'S forwarding him the material in the BODENSCHATZ case relative to Father COUGHLIN and ELIZABETH DILLING.

At Mr. BROWN'S request there have been turned over to him the letters from ELIZABETH DILLING to Mrs. GEORGE KARL BODENSCHATZ. Photostatic copies of these letters are enclosed in duplicate and photostatic copies are also being retained in the file of the Louisville Office. Mr. BROWN has been requested to advise Mr. MALONEY that the original of these letters are to be returned to him when they have served their purpose.

Mr. Brown also requested the following check which were enclosed with letters dated April 25, 1942 from the Louisville Field Division to the Bureau in the above caption case:

Check dated November 1, 1937 in the sum of \$100.00, payable to ELIZABETH DILLING, and signed "Mrs. GEORGE KARL BODENSCHATZ".

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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May 4, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
Internal Security - G

Mr. Henry Schwinhout of the Department telephonically contacted Supervisor D. A. Flinn and advised that it was reported the May 4, 1942 issue of "Social Justice" was being printed and might be distributed. He requested that if this publication is distributed in Detroit at the churches or otherwise, three or four copies be secured and forwarded to the Bureau so that they might be made available to the Department for proceedings during the coming week.

Pursuant to the above request, while talking with SAC Bugas of the Detroit Office on another matter, I requested him to make appropriate inquiry concerning the May 4 issue and send three or four copies to the Bureau immediately if they were distributed. Mr. Bugas advised that he is quite certain they were not distributed, but he will check and advise.

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford

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May 4, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
SEDITION

I thought you might be interested to know that I have just received advice from Mr. Henry A. Schweinhaut of the Department, that Father Coughlin wired Washington today, presumably the Post Office officials or the Department of Justice proper, that the publication of "Social Justice" had been abandoned and no further efforts would be made to print or distribute it in the future.

This action on Father Coughlin's part precludes the proceedings contemplated before the Post Office authorities with reference to the second-class mailing privileges enjoyed in the past by "Social Justice" and recently rescinded.

Mr. Schweinhaut stated that no decision has been made as to further proceedings against "Social Justice" or Father Coughlin in the current grand jury hearings.

Respectfully,

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D. M. Ladd

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To: Assistant Attorney General
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

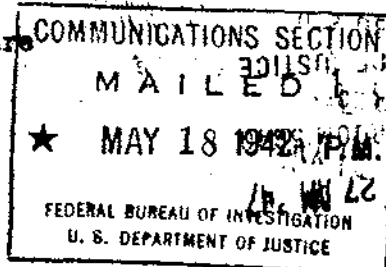
Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 27, 1942, in the above-captioned matter, requesting that certain cancelled checks drawn by Viola Bodenschatz, who recently entered a plea of guilty to a violation of the foreign agents Registration Act, and payable to Father Coughlin and "Social Justice" be made available.

At this time there is enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent M. H. Scovell, dated May 7, 1942, at Louisville, Kentucky, entitled FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN, describing and enclosing four original checks drawn by Mrs. George K. Bodenschatz to Father Coughlin and Social Justice Publishing Company.

The original checks are being forwarded to you herewith and photostatic copies retained in the files of this Bureau.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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REPORT MADE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	DATE WHEN MADE 5/7/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/6/42	REPORT MADE BY SCOVELL, M. H. MHS/mvg
TITLE FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G
<i>cc - Beng with 5/15/42 Dof</i> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Four canceled checks to Father COUGHLIN and Social Justice Publishing Company from VIOLA BODENSCHATZ, who entered a plea of guilty at Louisville on 4/17/42 to a violation of Title 22, Section 233, U.S.C.A. in that she acted as an agent of the German Reich without prior notification to the Secretary of State, forwarded to the Bureau with copy of this report. - RUC - REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Louisville Field Division dated 5/4/42. DETAILS: <u>AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY</u> In accordance with reference teletype requesting that papers and canceled checks reflecting contributions and correspondence between BODENSCHATZ and FATHER COUGHLIN be forwarded to the Bureau, there are being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures to this report four checks to FATHER COUGHLIN and the Social Justice Publishing Company from Mrs. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ, who entered a plea of guilty on April 17, 1942 at Louisville for a violation of Title 22, Section 233, U.S.C.A. in that she acted as an agent of the German Reich without prior notification to the Secretary of State. A check dated August 30, 1939 in the sum of \$8 payable to Reverend CHARLES COUGHLIN and signed by Mrs. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ was forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated April 25, 1942, in connection with the case entitled VIOLA BODENSCHATZ, was, etal; MARGARETE GAERTNER, wa, Fugitive; REGISTRATION ACT, INTERNAL SECURITY - G. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6/11/82 BY SP5 BJC/m			
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>H. K. M...</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
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Check dated January 31, 1939 in the sum of \$5 payable to Father COUGHLIN and signed by MRS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ.

Check dated February 1, 1941, in the sum of \$3, payable to Social Justice Publishing Company and signed by Mrs. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ.

Check dated January 3, 1939 in the sum of \$10, payable to Rev. CHAS. COUGHLIN and signed by Mrs. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ.

Check dated March 29, 1937 in the sum of \$10, payable to REV. CHARLES COUGHLIN and signed by Mrs. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ.

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MRS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ

No. 751

LOUISVILLE, KY.,

March 29 1937

Rev. Thomas C. Baughman

\$ 10⁰⁰

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

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DOLLARS

TO THE

LINCOLN BANK
AND TRUST COMPANY

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Mrs Geo K Bodenschatz

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IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

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MRS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ

No. 678

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Jan 3 1939

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Rev. Chas. W. Wright

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TO THE

LINCOLN BANK
AND TRUST COMPANY

21-58

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mrs. Geo. K. Bodenschatz

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ANY BANK, BANKER
OR TRUST COMPANY
OR TO THE ORDER OF
ANY OTHER PERSON

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MRS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ

No. 1221

LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Mrs Geo K Bodenschatz
Louisville, Ky.

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LOUISVILLE KY.

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MRS. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ

No. 709

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan 31 1939

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

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IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Mrs Geo K Bodenschatz

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
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ENCLOSURES 4 checks signed by

Mrs. GEO. K. BODENSCHATZ

TO Bureau

FROM Louisville Field Division

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PEAR. FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN, INTERNAL SECURITY-C.

DATED MAY FOURTH, FORTY TWO, CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF QUOTE SOCIAL
JUSTICE UNQUOTE ALONG THE DOCKS OF THE NEW YORK WATERFRONT. JOHN MC
DONALD OF WATERMAN S. S. LINE, WILLIAM FAY WITH MOORE, MC CORMACK LINE
AT PIER THIRTY TWO, AND GERALD ENGLISH WITH GRACE LINE, PIER FIFTY EIGHT,
ALL NEW YORK, ADVISE THAT THEY HAVE NOT SEEN OR HEARD OF SUCH DISTRIBUTION
COMMUNIST TO LONGSHOREMEN AND OTHER WORKER ALONG THE WATERFRONT AND ALL OF ABOVE CLAIM TO BE IN A POSITION TO KNOW IF SUCH
DISTRIBUTION TOOK PLACE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [] STATES
HAS NEVER HEARD OF QUOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE UNQUOTE BEING DISTRI-
BUTED DOWN AROUND THE WATERFRONT AND FURTHER STATES THAT IT WOULD BE
A SACRILIGE FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO HAVE
ONE IN HIS POSSESSION AND THAT FURTHER IF AN OUTSIDE
ORGANIZATION ATTEMPTED TO DISTRIBUTE IT ONE THE WATERFRNT SECTION THE
COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE ACTION TO HAVE IT STOPPED.
THIS MATTER SHALL BE INCLUDED IN A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT CONCERNING
SUBJECT WHICH SHALL REACH THE BUREAU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WENDELL BERGE

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 27, 1942, your reference WB:KJH:JM and captioned "Social Justice Inquiry."

It is noted therefrom that you are in the possession of information that "Social Justice" magazine had been sold or distributed quite widely along the docks among longshoremen and others engaged in shipping activities, and evidence was desired as to whether in fact this periodical had been distributed and sold.

In view of the meager information submitted and in the absence of the designation of any particular locale, inquiries were limited to the New York Water Front, one of the most vital in the war effort.

Contacts with sources of information affiliated with the main steamship lines who are cognizant of and in close contact with the water front situation, have determined that "Social Justice" magazine, to their knowledge, is not known to have been distributed to longshoremen or other workers along the water front.

A confidential informant, who is particularly close to Communist activities along the New York Water Front, states he has no knowledge of "Social Justice" magazine being distributed, and further it would be "a sacrilege" for any member of the Communist Party to have an issue of this publication in his possession.

In conclusion, this latter source states that if an outside individual or organization attempted to distribute "Social Justice" magazine on the New York Water Front, the Communist Party would immediately take action to stop the distribution.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____

Mr. Clegg _____

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information and whatever consideration you deem advisable, there are attached copies of a letter, with enclosure, which was directed to me on March 23, 1942, by Mr. Herbert H. Kahn, 150 West 77th Street, New York, New York. The subject matter of this communication is concerned with Father Charles E. Coughlin, and the publication, "Social Justice."

Please be advised that the correspondent has been informed of this reference.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosed are some papers and a copy of the radio address, ~~"Lifting the Embargo--~~ A Victory for the Vulture" by the Rev. Chas. E. Coughlin.

There is one statement in particular and it should be interesting to have Rev. Coughlin define it. It is quoted here from the third paragraph on the last page of the enclosed pamphlet-- "Possibly the young men in this audience can think of more persuasive means than the mere writing of letters."

Yours, very truly,

Carl F. Miller
Carl F. Miller

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Mr. Carl J. Miller
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Tiffin, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Miller:

I have for acknowledgment your letter dated April 17, 1942, enclosing certain papers which came into your possession some time ago.

Your thoughtfulness in making this material available is indeed appreciated and I can assure you that it is being given appropriate consideration.

I am heartily in agreement with you that in these times of stress we cannot overlook any factor that may possibly interfere with the internal security of this country.

Should you come into the possession of any additional information, I know you will make it available to me or to my personal representative, the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 900 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Cleveland (with copies of incoming letter)

Enclosures with incoming correspondence

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
Special Agent in Charge
By Rev. Charles Coughlin on Sunday, October 1, 1939.
Letter from Charles Coughlin to Carl J. Miller, dated Oct. 5, 1939, and
a sheet listing the various Congressmen and Senators.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WESLEY HENKE

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

Supplementing previous material submitted for the attention of Mr. Henry A. Schweinhaut, I am enclosing at this time the following documents:

Photostatic copy of speech entitled "I Take My Stand," given by Reverend Charles E. Coughlin on Sunday, January 21, 1940;

Photostatic copy of speech entitled "Lifting the Embargo — A Victory for The Vulture," delivered by Reverend Charles E. Coughlin on Sunday, October 1, 1939.

The latter document was part of an enclosure to a letter addressed to Carl J. Miller, Tiffin, Ohio, to which was also attached a sheet listing the United States Senators and Congressmen. For the completion of your file a photostatic copy of Father Coughlin's letter to Carl J. Miller, as well as the sheet listing the various Congressmen and Senators, is also being attached hereto.

Miller apparently requested material from Father Coughlin at or about the time of the above speech and recently brought the enclosures to the attention of this Bureau. There is no indication that he is in any way sympathetic with Father Coughlin's principles but rather requested the material as a matter of personal interest.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Handwritten signatures and initials, including a large signature that appears to be 'E. A. Tamm' and other initials like 'J. E. H.' and 'R. C. B.'.

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Date:

To: Mr. L. M. C. Smith
Chief, Special War Policies Unit

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: **FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN**

On November 10, 1942, a copy of the report of Special Agent Richard C. Gottier, dated October 21, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan, bearing the above caption, was forwarded to the Division of Records. This report reflects inquiries concerning the alleged sponsorship of the Little Flower High School, and may be of interest to you at this time.

cc: Mr. Wendell Berge
Assistant Attorney General

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 4/30/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/17, 18, 24/42	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT T. ROSS ie
TITLE FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G; SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

"Social Justice" has been published by The Cuneo Press Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, since its inception in 1936 except for short period in 1938. Type setting is done by Arnold Powers Incorporated, Detroit, Michigan, and the mats for same are prepared by the Michigan Electrotpe Company of Detroit. The Cuneo Press prints the magazine and distributes same for the Social Justice Publishing Company. Mailing list obtained as well as copies of magazine published since December 7, 1941. Officials of The Cuneo Press Incorporated know of no foreign influence or connections on the part of Reverend COUGHLIN and know of no organized following or financial support. State that money is made on the publishing of the magazine itself. Copies of contracts with The Cuneo Press Incorporated obtained and forwarded

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DEFERRED RECORDING

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Earl J. Wynn, dated at Detroit, Michigan, March 17, 1942.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois, DAVID E. PLEWS, Vice-president, The Cuneo Press Incorporated, related that The Cuneo Press Incorporated has printed "Social Justice" for the Social Justice Publishing Company of Royal Oak, Michigan, since its inception in 1936, except for a

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short period in 1938 when the contract with The Cuneo Press was broken and given to a Detroit printing concern. Mr. PLEWS related that he, along with WALTER J. FLYNN, 21175 West Lake Road, Rocky River, Ohio, who is the Michigan and Ohio representative for The Cuneo Press, are the only persons of the organization of the Cuneo Press who have had any contact with the owners and publishers of "Social Justice." Mr. PLEWS stated that he in 1936 was interested in obtaining the printing contract for "Social Justice" just as he would want to obtain any printing contract inasmuch as his company is in the business of large scale printing, printing such magazines as "The American Home," "Cosmopolitan," "Liberty" etc. and they have the equipment and facilities for handling such a program.

Mr. PLEWS stated that his original contact was with Reverend Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN and that he has contacted Father COUGHLIN on various occasions since that time but to the best of his knowledge he has not talked to him either by telephone or in person within the last six months. He related that Arnold Powers Incorporated of Detroit, Michigan, do the type setting for the magazine and that then the mats are prepared by the Michigan Electrotype Company of Detroit, Michigan, and the mats are forwarded to The Cuneo Press who actually print the paper weekly and distribute same in accordance with the mailing list furnished by the Social Justice Publishing Company. Each week they are furnished new names and other names are deleted, and they ship the magazines direct to two groups of persons, those individuals who are subscribers and those known as the bulky dealers. The bulky dealers in many cases receive their copies C.O.D. either by express or mail and the individual subscribers receive their copies by mail.

PLEWS related that under no circumstances so far as paying for the magazine by the subscribers is concerned does the Social Justice Publishing Company take any chances; that they are never stuck for more than one week's issue, and it has been a strict rule of the Social Justice Publishing Company not to extend credit to anyone. He related that the present circulation of the magazine totals approximately 165,000. It is to be noted in reference report there was obtained through a confidential source the figures for the past year as to the circulation of this magazine and that the mail subscribers total as of March 2, 1942, 61,537 and the bulk subscribers total 105,597.

In reference to payment to The Cuneo Press for their services, Mr. PLEWS determined that the checks come directly from the Social Justice Publishing Company, Royal Oak, Michigan, weekly and that the checks are signed by ALBERTA WARD; that the checks are drawn on the Wabeek State Bank of Birmingham, Michigan.

Mr. PLEWS related that originally he did do business personally with the Reverend Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN sofar as the publishing of "Social Justice" was concerned but that for many years now he has not received any instructions or directions from Father COUGHLIN relative to the printing of

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the magazine; that he does, as related previously in this report, see Father COUGHLIN on occasions but that they do other printing jobs for Father COUGHLIN such as religious periodicals and that whenever the matter of "Social Justice" policy or problems is brought up while he is talking to Father COUGHLIN, the Father refers him to those people in the Social Justice Publishing Company. He stated that Miss SCHULTE handles all circulation problems and that all orders within the past few years as to policy and so on have emanated from E. P. SCHWARTZ who has been Managing Editor of the magazine since its founding.

Mr. PLEWS related that he knew of no outside connections of Reverend Father COUGHLIN in connection with this magazine; that nothing has ever come to his attention which would reflect that Father COUGHLIN had any financial or other type of backing from any other persons or groups or foreign sources. Mr. PLEWS offered as an example that the paper itself is a money making proposition; that he estimates it costs a total of two and one-half cents to get out a copy of the paper and that the net average income per copy to the Social Justice Publishing Company is six cents, which would make a profit of three and one-half cents per copy and, on the basis of present circulation, would net a weekly profit of approximately five thousand dollars. Mr. PLEWS related that he has at some time in the past met the parents of Father COUGHLIN who, according to previous information, are the supposed registered owners of the Social Justice Publishing Company, but PLEWS states he has never transacted any business with the parents of Father COUGHLIN and never has received any instructions from them regarding the printing of the paper and never at any time discussed the paper with them.

Mr. PLEWS stated definitely that for the past few years he has received no instructions from Father COUGHLIN relative to the printing of the paper although he states, as previously set out, he did previously do business with Father COUGHLIN.

Mr. PLEWS related further that during 1938 for a period of approximately six months Mr. S. G. BOYNTON was the General Manager of the Social Justice Publishing Company, and it was during that period that the contract between the Social Justice Publishing Company and The Cuneo Press Incorporated was broken and given to a local Detroit firm. Mr. PLEWS advised that thereafter The Cuneo Press Incorporated instituted suit and that the contract was again given to The Cuneo Press and they have held it since that time. Mr. PLEWS further related that it has always been the policy of The Cuneo Press Incorporated to have their attorney read the material before it is printed to avoid any charges of libel against The Cuneo Press.

Mr. PLEWS further stated that one LEO REARDON was a promotion man for the Social Justice Publishing Company during some period of its existence, the time of which he does not remember, and that in explaining any possible foreign element in this paper he related that he remembers that around 1938 or previous thereto LEO REARDON was sent to Germany by someone

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unknown to PLEWS on some kind of an unknown mission. PLEWS knows none of the details relative thereto. He does not know the present location of REARDON.

According to the best knowledge of Mr. PLEWS he does not know who actually writes the articles or editorials appearing in "Social Justice" inasmuch as he has never discussed that with anyone.

Through a confidential source Agent reviewed the file of The Cuneo Press concerning the Social Justice Publishing Company and it was noted that the initial issue of this magazine was issued on March 13, 1936, and it is to be noted from the file that there appears to be no correspondence or other papers emanating from there to Father COUGHLIN after 1936; that all the correspondence and other papers are with the Social Justice Publishing Company, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Through the same confidential source copies of the various contracts for the Social Justice Publishing Company entered into with The Cuneo Press Incorporated for the publishing of the weekly paper "Social Justice" were obtained. The originals of same, however, were not seen by Agent as they were locked up in the office of JOHN CUNEO, President of the Company, and were not available at the time. These typewritten copies, however, are being forwarded to the Bureau herewith. It is to be noted that the original contract was entered into January 15, 1936, and signed by the Radio League of the Little Flower, CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, President; that thereafter on January 17, 1936, there was a letter directed from The Cuneo Press to the Radio League of the Little Flower in reference to the assignment of the contract to another organization on the part of the Radio League of the Little Flower. There also appears in the file a letter to The Cuneo Press from the Radio League of the Little Flower, a copy of which does not bear the signatures, but same is dated February of 1936 and refers to the assignment of the contract from the Radio League of the Little Flower to the Social Justice Publishing Company Corporation.

The next contract appears to be that dated May 20, 1936, for a period of two years, signed by the Social Justice Publishing Company by CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, and thereafter on March 13, 1939, renewal contract was entered into signed by CHARLES E. COUGHLIN for the Social Justice Publishing Company. It is to be noted that it was in 1938 that the Social Justice Publishing Company broke the contract with The Cuneo Press and gave it to the Detroit concern which is now defunct, and that the correspondence and possible contracts relative thereto were not available to Agent.

The next contract entered into is that of January 15, 1940, signed by CATHERINE WILSON, Secretary and Treasurer, Social Justice Publishing Company.

On October 29, 1940, The Cuneo Press forwarded a letter proposing an extension of the last previous contract mentioned to March 27, 1941, and this was accepted by the Social Justice Publishing Company on

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November 12, 1940, by CORA QUINLAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

On February 3, 1942, an extension of the same contract for one year after March 27, 1942, was prepared in the form of a letter to the Social Justice Publishing Company and accepted February 10, 1942, by CORA QUINLAN, Secretary and Treasurer of the Social Justice Publishing Company.

These copies of contracts are being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure to this report.

Through the same confidential source Agent was able to obtain a mailing list of those persons receiving weekly copies of "Social Justice", the mailing list being the current one as of April 20, 1942, referring to the last issue of "Social Justice." This mailing list is divided as to individual subscribers and bulky dealers. The bulky dealers list has been forwarded to the Bureau under separate letter. The voluminous individual subscribers list is being retained in the Detroit Field Office. It is to be noted that the bulky list previously submitted did not set out the number of copies to be received by each of those persons on that list, and it is not possible to determine at this time whether any particular bundles are sent either by express or through the mail. It is further to be noted that the individual list reveals that the states of New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Massachusetts are the residences of the bulk of the individual subscribers.

Through the same confidential source Agent obtained copies of "Social Justice" for the period December 7, 1941, through the last issue on April 20, 1942, and these copies have previously been forwarded to the Bureau by separate letter.

Mr. WALTER J. FLYNN, 21175 West Lake Road, Rocky River, Ohio, was interviewed in the Detroit Field Office on April 24, 1942, but he could furnish no information of value to this investigation. He stated that he has contacted Father COUGHLIN on various business matters relative to The Cuneo Press inasmuch as he is the Michigan representative for The Cuneo Press and that he receives orders from Father COUGHLIN from time to time for various religious publications. He stated that he has never carried on any discussions with Father COUGHLIN as to the policy or ownership or as to whether or not Father COUGHLIN had any influence, direct or indirect, with the "Social Justice" and that therefore he could furnish no information.

It is to be noted that the copies of the contract between The Cuneo Press and the Social Justice Publishing Company dated January 15, 1940, show it was signed by W. J. FLYNN for The Cuneo Press Incorporated. However Mr. FLYNN states he does not remember this specific instance and that he was more or less a messenger boy in delivering these contracts; that the arrangements relative to the printing of the magazine were handled by the officials of The Cuneo Press and not by him.

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At Chicago, Illinois, on April 18, 1942, Mr. L. SPRINGER, Secretary, Seaman Paper Company, 222 Adams Avenue, determined from his file that from February 8, 1939, to December of 1940 the Seaman Paper Company furnished the paper for the printing of "Social Justice" and they billed the Social Justice Publishing Company during that period; that from December, 1940, to November, 1941, the same arrangement was in effect for furnishing the paper for the printing of "Social Justice" but the bill was directed to The Cuneo Press Incorporated. During this entire period the business was handled for the Cuneo Press Incorporated, according to the records of the Seaman Paper Company, by one CHARLES NOBLE who is not now employed by The Cuneo Press.

A review of the Seaman Paper Company's file relative to these transactions revealed that a letter dated February 3, 1939, signed by DAVID E. PLEWS of The Cuneo Press Incorporated to the Seaman Paper Company set out in part: "Confirming telephone conversation with you and acting on instructions from Father COUGHLIN..." This letter goes on to state that they should bill the Social Justice Publishing Company direct for the paper furnished.

This is the only mention in the Seaman Paper Company's files of Father COUGHLIN, and neither Mr. SPRINGER or Mr. WILLIAM P. LEECH, who handled this transaction for the Seaman Paper Company, have ever had any direct or indirect contact with Father COUGHLIN.

On April 24, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan, Mr. ARTHUR C. ARNOLD, partner with ROBERT POWERS in the operation of Arnold Powers Incorporated, 550 West Lafayette Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, related that his company did set the type for the weekly publication, "Social Justice", and that they have had such a contract for the past two or three years. He said that a new contract was entered into within the past two or three months; that arrangements and negotiations for this work were carried on by ROBERT POWERS with E. P. SCHWARTZ of the Social Justice Publishing Company. ARNOLD states that he has no intimate knowledge of negotiations with the Social Justice Publishing Company or any of the persons connected therewith; that all arrangements were handled by ROBERT POWERS but that as far as he knows no dealings were ever had with Father CHARLES COUGHLIN.

ARNOLD stated that the weekly arrangement was that they would receive copy for the magazine from the Social Justice Publishing Company; that they would set the copy, send proofs to SCHWARTZ to edit, and SCHWARTZ would return the corrected proofs to Arnold Powers Incorporated. Thereafter after the type was corrected they would send the type to the Michigan Electro-type Company in Detroit who would prepare the mats and forward same to The Cuneo Press Incorporated for printing.

ARNOLD stated that his company is not in the printing business but that on April 22, 1942, someone from the Social Justice Publishing Company,

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the identity of whom is not known to ARNOLD, called the Arnold Powers Company superintendent and asked that a thousand copies of the paper for which the type had been set by Arnold Powers Company be printed in the form of black and which proofs; that the regular printing of same by The Cuneo Press had been discontinued and that they wanted these one thousand proofs for test case with the United States Post Office. In accordance therewith the Arnold Powers Company did print up in proof form black and white and put their name on as the printers and delivered them to the Social Justice Publishing Company. ARNOLD understands that someone from the Social Justice Publishing Company presented them to GILBERT DAVIS, the postmaster at Royal Oak, Michigan, with the request that they be mailed.

ARNOLD further stated that on April 23, 1942, someone from the Social Justice Publishing Company, a Miss WARD, called Mr. SHIRLEY WALLS, salesman with Arnold Powers Incorporated, and Miss WARD related that they wanted additional black and white proof copies printed up of the same material as had been set out in the previous thousand copies but with a subsequent date line thereon. Mr. ARNOLD stated that his company refused to print any further material for the Social Justice Publishing Company and has advised them that they do not care to do any further business with that organization.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU -

Copy of contract dated January 15, 1936, between The Cuneo Press and The Radio League of the Little Flower.

Copy of contract dated May 20, 1936, between The Cuneo Press and Social Justice Publishing Co.

Copy of contract dated March 13, 1939, between The Cuneo Press and The Social Justice Publishing Company.

Copy of contract dated January 15, 1940, between The Cuneo Press and The Social Justice Publishing Company.

Copy of letter dated October 29, 1940, from The Cuneo Press to The Social Justice Publishing Company.

Copy of letter dated February 3, 1942, from The Cuneo Press to The Social Justice Publishing Company.

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THE DETROIT FIELD OFFICE

* AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will through confidential sources determine whether the following of Reverend CHARLES E. COUGHLIN is of an organized nature and is so under the control of Father COUGHLIN that he can direct the policies of the organization. It is believed that the primary purpose of this investigation is to determine not so much the acts of Father COUGHLIN as an individual as his acts as the head of an organization, directing its policies to the detriment of the best interests of the country.

Will interview ROBERT POWERS, Arnold Powers Incorporated, 550 West Lafayette, whose company sets type for the magazine, "Social Justice," for all information as to Father COUGHLIN's activities in connection with "Social Justice" and will obtain from him copies of contracts between his company and the Social Justice Publishing Company.

Will interview appropriate officials of the Michigan Electrotape Company for all information available as to Father COUGHLIN's association with "Social Justice."

Will locate and interview LEO REARDON, who was promotion man at one time for "Social Justice" and who took some mysterious trip to Germany, for all information of value to this investigation.

Will interview STANLEY G. ROYNTON, 422 New Center Building, who was General Manager of the Social Justice Publishing Company in 1938, to obtain from him all information of value to this investigation.

Will interview MYRON S. STEINBERG, who printed "Social Justice" for a short period in 1938 when the contract with The Gurneo Press was broken, to obtain from him all information of value to this investigation.

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June 9, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

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RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto copies of a letter dated April 17, 1942, received at the Bureau from Laurence F. Jones, together with copies of the Bureau's acknowledgment.

In addition, photostatic copies of an application for Special Agent are being supplied to your office for background information concerning Jones.

It will be noted that Jones has admittedly been a follower of Father Coughlin and apparently is in the possession of some information concerning his past activities. It is requested that Jones be interviewed thoroughly for any information in his possession relating to Father Coughlin, "Social Justice" magazine and the Social Justice Publishing Company.

This interview should be given preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Post Office Box 261
Hempstead, New York.
April 17th, 1942.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Current radio and news reports indicate that the
F. B. I. is investigating the periodical, "Social Justice",
edited by Rev. Chas. E. Coughlin.

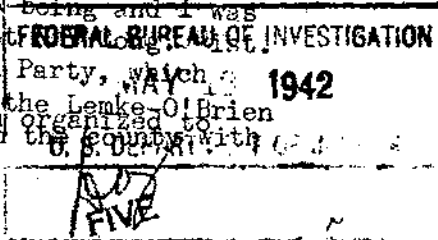
In 1935 I was interested in the radiocasts of Father
Coughlin, who at that time, confined his broadcasts to
enunciating and expounding the "Sixteen Principles of Social
Justice." I became deeply interested and was one of the first
on Long Island to become an organizer of "Social Justice Units
and having interested some 250 adults in the vicinity of my
then residence, was authorized to form a Unit which was to be
designated as Unit #33, 1st N.Y. Cong. District. I was
elected its president.

Because I am a fluent speaker and knew my subject well,
I was appointed an organizer, aiding in the formation of
other units throughout Long Island. I was a delegate to the
National Convention at Cleveland in August 1936 and later,
at the Cong. Dist. convention, was nominated for both offices
of President and Secretary of the Congressional District, but
declined to accept either nomination. My prominence in the
organization on Long Island brought me in close contact with
Father Coughlin and John P. Bramer, State Director for "Social
Justice.

The late Congressman Robert Row Bacon of Westbury, N.Y.,
was a friend of mine of long standing. I was delegated to
approach him for endorsement of the "Sixteen Principles of
Social Justice," which I did - unsuccessfully. I then approached
his Democratic opponent, Gerald Morrell, Esq., and told him
that his endorsement of the principles would assure him the
support of more than sixty thousand members of "Social Justice
in the 1st N.Y. Cong. Dist. He said he heartily endorsed them
and was personally an admirer of Father Coughlin.

About this time the Union Party came into being and I was
elected Chairman of the Union Party for the 1st Congressional District.
I was also a Presidential Elector of the Union Party, which
filed independent nominating petitions to run the Lemke-O'Brien
national ticket and I had my party well enough organized to
secure more than twelve thousand signatures in the county with

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but fifty required.

In one of the Northern New York counties, less than fifty valid signatures were obtained and the Party as such receive no designation. The nominating petition for Morrell was accepted and I compelled the Board of Elections to give the Union Party a separate line on the ballots and voting machines, altho he was the regular Democratic candidate for Congress.

The result - Bacon was elected - but by the smallest plurality in his many campaigns. In the Queens County portion of the District, Morrell lost out in a district that normally gave the Democratic candidate from fifty to sixty thousand plurality - and that defeated him.

Father Coughlin called for dissolution of the Social Justice Units and they were. He resigned from editorship of the paper - "Social Justice" and went off the radio. Upon his later return to both, it was a changed Father Coughlin. He no longer spoke and wrote as before, and his trend was anti-British - anti-Semitic - 'Down with Communism' harangue that savored to me of being more PRO-Nazi-Facist than 'anti' anything else. He called for the formation of "Social Justice Councils" from which Jews were barred. I was called upon by him to become 'Moderator' of a Council - but I was by this time fully awakened to the new Father Coughlin and his new organization held no interest for me. To me it appeared as those who had been loyal to his cause had been called upon to follow in a new one on FAITH. Faith did hold so me - but it was his religious faith - not the vast majority of his former millions of followers who were not of his religious faith.

I made many hundreds of personal friendships through Social Justice that have endured. Through one, I was induced to move to Melville, Suffolk County, to aid this party, an elderly lady in righting flagrant wrongs being done in the local civic association. I found myself living in a hot-bed of Nazis and pro-Nazis Americans, or at least they were voters. I found this in Lindenhurst - another Nazi community. There are many of the residents of both communities employed in aircraft plants in nearby Bethpage and Farmingdale where some of the best planes of both Army and Navy are built by Republic and Grumman. I have seen some in the Grumman plant while working there myself.

The point of this lengthy preamble is quickly made. With this background, of which I am not bragging, I am able to circulate and mingle with these people who would not suspect for a moment my purpose. This applies equally well to those at Royal Oak, Mich. from Father Coughlin down. I would be acceptable to them. I could be helpful to the FBI.

Very truly yours,
Laurence F. Jones
(Laurence F. JONES)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN, INTERNAL SECURITY (G).
RELET MAY ONE LAST REGARDING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY
MYRON S. STEINBERG. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW WITH
STANLEY BOYNTON, AIRCASTERS, INCORPORATED, DETROIT,
MICHIGAN REGARDING ALLEGED STATEMENTS TO STEINBERG.
SUBMIT RESULTS ASD.

HOOVER

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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United States Department of Justice
Detroit, Michigan
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.
SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir:

This is to advise the Bureau that Mr. MYRON S. STEINBERG, who was formerly connected with the Morris Press Incorporated, Detroit, Michigan, in company with his brother, MORRIS STEINBERG, advised Special Agent Earl J. Wynn on the occasion of a recent visit to this office that his company had the contract to print "Social Justice" from February, 1938, to February, 1939; that Father COUGHLIN canceled the contract after it had been in operation nine weeks; that this forced the Morris Press Incorporated into bankruptcy and immediate suit was brought against Father COUGHLIN which was settled by the Trustee in Bankruptcy for \$12,500. Mr. MYRON STEINBERG stated that during the life of the contract he was rather curious to know whether or not Father COUGHLIN would be able to pay the printing bill inasmuch as it ran from \$7500 to \$7800 per week; that in March, 1938, he, MYRON S. STEINBERG, together with his brother, MORRIS, discussed this matter with STANLEY BOYNTON of Aircasters, Incorporated, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. BOYNTON was more or less the radio manager for Father COUGHLIN's programs, and STEINBERG said that BOYNTON revealed in his conversations that in the summer of 1937 Father COUGHLIN had made a trip to England and that incognito he had left England and visited Europe; that BOYNTON made the remark that he went incognito to see the big man of Germany and indicated definitely in this conversation that the money for the printing of "Social Justice" was perhaps coming from this "big man of Germany." Mr. MYRON S. STEINBERG further said that BOYNTON, coincidental with furnishing the above information, made the remark, "You can draw your own conclusions."

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Mr. MYRON S. STEINBERG said that he had been following the publicity in the press concerning the Grand Jury investigation of the alleged seditious material being published in "Social Justice" and that he had noted that STANLEY BOYNTON was not called as a witness. He thought that perhaps he should be in view of the information set out above. Mr. STEINBERG further said that his brother, MORRIS STEINBERG, was inclined to furnish that information set out above to the newspaper known as "P.M." in New York City.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau for possible relaying to the Department.

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Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Missouri.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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In the paper yesterday, I note that there are many among the higher Church Officials and others that are now protesting the prosecution of the Rev. Father Coughlin. I myself, am a member of that Church, but if any member of the Bund association or others preaching pro-nazi doctrines, are to be investigated or disbarred - then I think he should head the list. It is a blight on the Catholic Church to sanction the broadcasts of a person who continuously knocks our government, and the quicker our Church does something about it, the better off they will be.

I certainly hope that he will be taken off the air and if possible returned to a country who appreciates his doctrines.

Sincerely,

Miss H. Roswell
Miss H. Roswell

P. S. I do not expect an answer from your department. It is just a comment I wished to make, and I'm sure that there are thousands of others who feel likewise.

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Gentlemen:

A program that is Un-American is all the more reprehensive if it wears an ecclestical robe, and the same restrictive measures should be administered to curb its propagation, as with any seditious movement.

The act of assuming a role of piety to cover a sinister scheme is repellent to all honest thinking individuals, and more to be abhorred even than frank and open opposition to our cause.

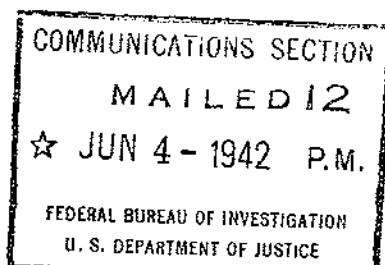
Charles
I am referring to Mr. Coughlin. I believe he is a menace to the clear thinking of easily beguiled individuals and because of the deceitfulness of his approach, a dangerous influence in a country where clear cut and well defined issues are the desire of the people.

Naturally, all Christians exceedingly regret that such a condition should exist; but facing it, we can take only the staunch position that such a blind leader of the blind should be dispossessed of his nefarious authority - with the same implacable justice that would be brought to anyone engaged in the overthrow of the government, the dissension of the people, and the distortion of facts.

In other words - recognized illegality and wickedness should be stamped out - regardless of its outward guise - and the root of it, the instigator, removed from the scene of control.

Respectfully yours,

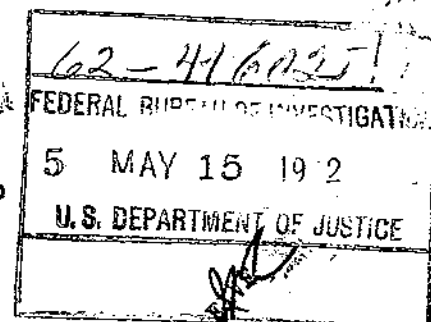
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

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Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	
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The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

John T. Bissell
J. T. BISSELL
Colonel, General Staff,
Asst. Executive Officer, M. I. S.

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*for Johnson
cc: Bissell
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HEADQUARTERS, A.C.T.S.
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI
Office of the Intelligence Officer

April 22, 1942.

SUBJECT: Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Royal Oak, Michigan.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters Fourth Corps
Area, Post Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

1. Copy of letter, apparently a circular type of letter, mailed to a soldier of Kessler Field, is attached for whatever disposition is deemed necessary. While this is a typical Roman Catholic religious letter, owing to the national publicity being accorded to Reverend Coughlin, it is thought best by this office to send you a copy of the letter in question.

2. This copy was made from an intercepted letter.

/s/ Anthony V. Ragusin,
ANTHONY V. RAGUSIN,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Military Intelligence Officer
Keesler Field, Mississippi.

1 Incl - copy of letter mentioned
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REV. CHAS. E. COUGHLIN
Royal Oak, Michigan

April 16, 1942.

Pvt. Richard J. Haney
Keesler Field, Miss.

My dear Pvt. Haney:

You are better aware than I am of the solicitude your friends entertain for your welfare.

Because of this solicitude, your name was sent to me with the request that we at the Shrine say some prayers for your safety.

So here is the story: At the Shrine that is a beautiful altar dedicated to St. Sebastian, the patron of soldiers. The names of all the boys in the army, navy or air service -- that is the names sent to me -- are printed legibly and fastened to the marble walls of St. Sebastian's altar. Every Tuesday a Mass is said for the safekeeping of these men. Every day thousands of school children and others are asked to pray for that same cause.

I thought you would like to know about this, namely, that we stay-at-homes recognize the sacrifices and danger that are yours; and that we are praying for you will all our might.

God bless and preserve you!

Cordially yours,

/s/ Chas. E. Coughlin

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P.S. If there are any other men in your outfit who want us to enroll their names at St. Sebastian's altar, feel free to send them along, together with address of nearest relative.

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JEM:ELC
Time of Call:
6:00 PM, 5/4/42

MR. LADD

Dictated:
8:15 PM, 5/4/42

RE: VIOLA BODENSCHNITZ, was, ET AL
REGISTRATION ACT

FATHER CHARLES B. COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Pursuant to the Department's request, a teletype was directed to the Louisville Field Office, instructing them to immediately forward to the Bureau such original communications and checks as were secured from Viola Bodenschitz and her husband which evidenced payments made by them to Social Justice and/or Father Coughlin.

At this time, in answer to the above referred to wire, I received a telephone call from Special Agent Pash at Louisville, advising that on April 28, 1942, William Foster Maloney of the Department called Mr. Eli Brown, United States Attorney at Louisville, and instructed him to send these items to the Department immediately. Mr. Brown complied by sending the original communications, and under date of May 1, 1942, SAC Moss mailed a letter to the Bureau advising of this action by the United States Attorney. Mr. Pash advised that the Bureau files contain the original checks, which were four in number, and that a letter is being directed to the Bureau today, referring to the particular serial in which they are mentioned and reiterating the status of this matter.

ACTION:

This matter will be checked and an appropriate memorandum directed to the Department, transmitting the original checks and, if you approve, pointing out the undesirability of the procedure followed here, whereby a request is directed in writing to the Bureau for items of evidence, and at the same time, a representative of the Department calls the United States Attorney direct to request the same material.

Respectfully,

J. E. Mumford

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 27, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Social Justice Inquiry

I have been informed that a Miss Jane Anderson and a certain Mr. Barnes, who are now broadcasting short-wave over Axis controlled stations were once associated with the Social Justice Publishing Company.

Will you please cause such investigation to be made as will determine the alleged former association with Social Justice and the present activities of these individuals. I would appreciate an early reply to this request in view of the pending Post Office and Grand Jury inquiries on this matter.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

WENDELL BERGE

Attention: Mr. Henry A. Schweinhaut

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

Under date of March 25, 1942, the Attorney General directed a memorandum to this Bureau, advising that he had received confidentially, information that one Barnes and Miss Jane Anderson probably, during the years 1939 and 1940, were employed by Father Coughlin to write and comment on international matters for "Social Justice." I subsequently advised the Attorney General that this relationship had not previously come to the attention of this Bureau, and requested the source of this material be made available for the purpose of initiating any inquiries deemed logical.

I now wish to refer to your memorandum dated April 27, 1942, your reference WB:EJH:JM, captioned "Social Justice Inquiry," furnishing the same information that had previously been furnished by the Attorney General, and requesting an investigation for the purpose of determining the alleged former association of Jane Anderson and Barnes with "Social Justice."

As you are already aware, Jane Anderson, in the recent past, was broadcasting over the German propaganda radio from Berlin, Germany. A full and complete memorandum setting forth all information contained in the files of this Bureau has previously been forwarded to you under the caption Fred W. Kaltenbach; Edward Leo Delaney; Constance Drexel; Jane Anderson.

With reference to Jane Anderson, I have only recently learned from a strictly confidential foreign source that she was a newspaper correspondent during the first World War writing for the "London Daily Mail" and the "Daily Express." At that time she was the wife of Deems Taylor, the composer. During the Spanish Civil War, she was allegedly working for General Franco and was imprisoned in Spain by the loyalists. It was only through the intervention of the United States State Department that she effected her release from prison. At that time she was the wife of a Spanish marquis named De Cienfuegos. However, the date of her marriage to this individual was not furnished.

Since leaving Spain, Jane Anderson has been a rabid Fascist and until recently, as indicated in my previous Memorandum, she was broadcasting over the short wave radio from Germany. She is also reported to be very pro-Nazi and has made the following:

"Now in the new world of the Universe the weapon of the lie and the propaganda machinery is turned against Germany and Italy."

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Misc Gandy

Further, she is reported to have stated:

"The American brain trust, alien to and superimposed upon the land of Old Glory, is but a branch of the International Secret Superstate which holds equally Soviet Russia, plutocratic England, and Roosevelt's America in the hollow of its hybrid hand.... Roosevelt has pulled a brass band out of his hip pocket, and a concentration camp from under the coattails of the brain trust.... Roosevelt consolidated with Churchill in the simultaneous declaration of war upon Japan.. so the American people have gone to war to save Stalin and the international banker which are one and the same.... (Roosevelt) supported the hand of Communist China, the wealth of the American nation he offered as a footstool to Stalin, the mightiest murderer of modern history....."

This source also reported that Jane Anderson is no longer broadcasting from Berlin, Germany, because she committed a faux pas. The unconfirmed story as to what transpired is that on one broadcast she dealt in considerable detail with the excellence of conditions in Germany, particularly describing a banquet which she had attended and had been served champagne, the best of meats and other luxuries. Subsequent to this broadcast the American short wave radio rebroadcast Jane Anderson's speech back to Germany and it was alleged that this was not considered good for the underfed German populace. In any event it is reported that she has not made any further broadcasts.

With reference to Barnes, referred to hereinbefore, this same source voiced the opinion that Barnes in reality is Major James Strachey Barnes, a British subject, born in Simla, India, on September 7, 1892. He obtained his education in England and fought in the British army in the first World War, where he rose to the rank of Major. Following the World War he was attached to the British Foreign Office Delegation at the Paris Peace Conference. After severing this affiliation, he became a journalist and was a foreign correspondent for Reuters, British news agency, in India and Eritrea.

It was stated that it was not known exactly when Major Barnes became a Fascist, but that in 1927 and 1929 he was Secretary General of the International Centre of Fascist Studies at Lausanne, and in 1938 he was an honorary member of the Italian National Fascist Party. Major Barnes served as correspondent for Reuters with the Italian army during the Abyssinian war, and was so well thought of by the Italian government that he was made Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Major Barnes is married to an Italian woman, which, in the opinion of the informant, may have influenced his pro-Fascism to some extent. In any event, in reporting the Abyssinian war, he was prone to consider the Italian generals as heroes and geniuses and the Italian soldiers as inspired by a mystic faith in their mission of civilization, while he considered the Abyssinians to be degraded and treacherous.

Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Berge

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In 1938, Major Barnes traveled to the United States where he allegedly delivered propaganda lectures, in which he spoke for the Italian Fascist government. Some of the statements he made are considered interesting by the informant in light of what is known of the Axis powers. These statements as enumerated by the informant are as follows:

He supported Italian intervention in Spain.

He maintained that Hitler would be justified in making demands on Czechoslovakia.

He referred to Mussolini as the "European Architect of Peace" and a proper person to be given the Nobel peace prize.

He has claimed that during the first war and ever since, he has realized the failure of democracy to function. In October 1938, he was quoted as saying "I approve of democracy only where it succeeds; there is an awful lot of sham about democracy."

In the fall of 1940, Major Barnes was living in Italy and at that time he prepared an article which he attempted to have published in the Asia magazine. He maintained in this article that Italy had not "stabbed the Allies in the back" when she declared war on the Allies, and further if there was any "stabbing in the back" it was done by the Allies after the first World War.

He also defended Italian conquests in Africa and claimed that "Lybia has become the only Mohammedan land under European domination where the population can look forward confidently to a prosperous future and is reconciled to its conquerors."

In general, the article made several references attempting to justify Italian imperialism.

This same source advised that in 1939, Major Barnes had been reported as writing for Father Coughlin's "Social Justice," and in doing so was described as a foreign correspondent. His articles were allegedly pro-Nazi and actually suggested that Nazi paganism would be an assistance to the Catholic Church in fighting atheism and agnosticism. He further contended that a victory for the Axis would be less harmful for the Church than a victory for the Allies.

Until June, 1941, Major Barnes was living at Via Garigliano 72, Rome, Italy, where he reportedly received communications from Father Coughlin. Later in June, 1941, he was reported as being in Lisbon, Portugal, and possibly intending to visit the United States. Since that time no further information has been received by the informant concerning Major Barnes.

Upon receipt of the above information concerning the full name of the individual probably identical with Barnes, as mentioned in the reference memorandum from the Attorney General, a review of the files of this bureau was made. It was

Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Eerge

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determined therefrom that the "People's World," Communist Party organ, San Francisco, California, dated October 20, 1938, published an article entitled "Reveal Entry of Strachey's Fascist Kin." This article reported the fact that John Strachey, English writer, had been denied admittance into the United States, whereas, at the same time, his cousin, Major James Strachey Barnes, an Englishman with definite Fascist views was admitted to this country without question. The "People's World" reported that this inconsistency had been called to the attention of the President by sixteen leading American authors, headed by Donald Ogden Stewart, president of the League of American Writers. It was further stated that Major Barnes, upon his arrival in the United States, stated that there is "an awful lot of sham about democracy."

The letter presumably addressed to the President called attention to the fact that the two Britons had come to this country to present divergent views on Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's policy of collaborating with the Fascist nations. Both were reported to be from the same family; petitioned simultaneously for entry into this country and had their visas approved. It was then contended Major Barnes was a supporter of Mr. Chamberlain, an avowed Fascist, and an honorary member of the Italian Fascist Party. John Strachey, mentioned hereinbefore, was described as one of the world's most distinguished anti-Fascist writers, who held that the democratic nations should resist the aggressors.

In the recent investigation of Viola Bodenschatz, which resulted in her plea of guilty to a violation of the Registration Act, a diary for the year 1939 was secured. In the final pages of this diary, marked "Memorandum," various miscellaneous information was set forth, including a list of foreign and American lecturers. Among those listed was Major James Strachey Barnes (Italy and London).

In the event any additional information with reference to Major Barnes is secured it will be brought to your attention immediately for whatever assistance it may be in the instant case.

With reference to your request for an investigation regarding the association of Jane Anderson and Barnes with Father Coughlin and "Social Justice," your attention is directed to the fact that neither Anderson nor Barnes is presently in this country. In addition, practically all of the employees of "Social Justice" have already been issued subpoenas to appear before the grand jury presently being conducted in the District of Columbia. Any investigation that could be expected to produce results would necessarily entail an approach to persons already subpoenaed before the grand jury, to Father Coughlin, or an examination of the records of "Social Justice" by Agents of this Bureau. This investigation in other words would be a duplication of the inquiries presently being carried on through grand jury testimony, and it is suggested that this entire matter could best be clarified by questioning those persons most likely to know of the true relationship while under oath before the grand jury.

Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Berge

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Unless you have some definite line of inquiry to suggest as unrelated to the present grand jury proceedings, no inquiries will be initiated on the basis of your memorandum dated April 27, 1942.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: FATHER COUGHLIN

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Miss Gandy _____

Sometime ago [redacted] advised me that Reverend Cole, a Unitarian minister in Toledo, Ohio, had information regarding the identity of the mistress of Father Coughlin. Yesterday [redacted] advised me that Wendell Berge called Reverend Cole, who is now in Boston, to Washington last week, interviewed him at length, and was very much pleased at the information which he had secured; that during the time Reverend Cole was in Washington he was also interviewed by William Power Maloney and other members of the prosecuting staff, and that they contemplate calling him back to Washington sometime next week.

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Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
L. B. Nichols

Letter has gone to Cleveland - to contact Rev. Cole's home - Toledo learn his whereabouts & interview
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Non-Sectarian ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE
TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS

April 20, 1942

Mr. Walter Winchell
Daily Mirror
235 E. 45 St.
N.Y.C.

Dear Walter:

The "American Citizens Committee" is the name of the group which has taken over the distribution and sale of "Social Justice". At a meeting in the Bronx last week, it was decided to sell reprints of material which has already appeared, if further sale proves difficult. The Committee will attempt to unite all subversive factions into a single organization. The F. B. I. should be interested in the backgrounds of several of the fushrers concerned.

Sincerely,

S/Joe

Joe Meinfeld

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From Walter Winchell:

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York.

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62-41602-109

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY (G) SEDITION

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has been forwarded a letter dated April 20, 1942, by Walter Winchell, which was directed to him by Joe Kleinfeld of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, 165 West 46th Street, New York City.

This letter states that the "American Citizens Committee" is the name of a groups which has taken over the distribution and sale of "Social Justice" magazine. Further, that at a meeting held in the Bronx, New York City, during the week preceding April 20, 1942, it was decided to sell reprints of the material which had already been prepared, if further sale proved difficult. The committee will allegedly attempt to unite all subversive factions into a single organization.

In conclusion, the letter states that the FBI should be interested in the background of several of the "fuehrers" concerned.

It is requested that Joe Kleinfeld of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League be contacted for definite information to substantiate the above allegations, and any investigation pertinent to determine whether in fact the "American Citizens Committee" is redistributing material which, in the past, appeared in "Social Justice" magazine be conducted.

It is desired that this matter be clarified in the immediate future, in view of the fact that prosecution may be initiated in the near future against Father Coughlin, "Social Justice" magazine, its editors and distributors.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Dear Sir:

There is set forth hereinafter the substance of information received from Confidential Informant DHC, whose identity is known to the Bureau, during the period from April 11 to April 18, 1942, inclusive.

April 11 During the entire day JACK RASKIN, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Federation, was contacting numerous individuals seeking to enlist their support in swelling the ranks of the Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee parade which was scheduled to be held on April 12, 1942. In numerous conversations had in this regard, RASKIN indicated that the headquarters for the persons meeting to make up the parade would be the home of ELKANOR LAFFREY, a member of the Steering Committee of the Civil Rights Federation, at 5320 John R Street.

In a conversation had by and between JORDAN ZIER, employee of the Civil Rights Federation, and Reverend CHARLES A. HILL, Chairman of the Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee, Mr. HILL commented that the Citizens Committee had received a contribution of twenty-five dollars from the Central Methodist Church, which is the church of the Reverend HENRY MITT CRANE. HILL indicated that the Citizens Committee had obtained radio time over Station WJMK for the following day, namely April 12, 1942.

April 13 In a conversation had by and between BRIDGETT POULSON and her husband, HARPER POULSON, Mrs. POULSON related that JACK (RASKIN) had talked to the RASKIN (PAT TOCHET) who wanted to know if HARPER would be with them tomorrow noon at the office of the Executive Committee. HARPER indicated that he would be. BRIDGETT mentioned that KAY (HARTLEY) was at the office of the Civil Rights Federation and wanted the Youth List. HARPER then gave KAY a lengthy list of individuals who had been active in supporting the activities of the Detroit Youth Assembly in the past.

April 14 BRIDGETT POULSON telephonically contacted Mr. EDWARD TOLAN, colored, Chairman of the Detroit Youth Assembly who is now actively interested in the affairs of the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of Internal Security during which conversation Mr. TOLAN indicated that he was meeting on the morrow with LOUIE MARTIN and ERNEST GOODMAN for preliminary discussion as to their program in the works of the "Poll Tax Committee."

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Mrs. POULSON stated that inasmuch as Mr. GOODMAN was to be out of town on the morrow that another day should be immediately set so that everybody could participate. She advised TOLAN, however, that if he had any specific recommendations to make he should call ERNEST GOODMAN. TOLAN advised that he was to go at noontime to a Fair Employment Practice Committee meeting.

MYRTLE POWELL, also known as MYRTLE LANCASTER, wife of ROY LANCASTER, a paid employee of the Russian War Relief, Incorporated, in conversation had with BRIDGETT POULSON was advised by Mrs. POULSON that she intended to begin work with the publicity section of the Russian War Relief Committee. They discussed mailing of Russian War Relief, Incorporated literature to the Youth Council list and Jewish Committee of Doctors.

Mrs. STANLEY NOWAK advised that her husband, Michigan State Senator STANLEY NOWAK, is now employed at the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union at Schiller Hall. STANLEY NOWAK is the Subject of an Internal Security-C case in this office and is presently actively participating in the program planning committee of the American Slav Congress scheduled to be held at Detroit late in the month.

GLOSTER CURRENT, Executive Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., advised JORDAN ZIER that the Reverend CHARLES A. HILL had gone to Chicago on April 13th for a meeting with the Sojourner Truth Committee at Chicago and that the people in Chicago were going to help to mobilize for a march on Washington. During this conversation GLOSTER CURRENT announced that the picket line being sponsored by the Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee would be resumed that day during the hours of ten through twelve and two through four. He also commented that "HILL" had slugged a man.

In a conversation had by and between EDWIN SMOKLER, an attorney and associate of MAURICE SUGAR and ERNEST GOODMAN, JACK RASKIN advised SMOKLER that there was to be another meeting of the Fair Employment Practice Committee on Thursday and suggested that SMOKLER ought to be there and stay with it. SMOKLER agreed to come himself to this meeting or have a representative of the Lawyers Guild. During this conversation RASKIN inquired about placing BRIDGETT POULSON in a job with a local of the UAW-CIO.

In a conversation had by and between JORDAN ZIER and PAULINE BASS, ZIER announced that it was the intention of the Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee to obtain protection from Mayor JEFFRIES for the tenants who expected to move quietly into the housing project this week, and if the Mayor refused they would get protection from the Michigan State Police. ZIER commented further that the Discrimination Committee had decided to try and get an injunction to compel the city officials to obey the law. ZIER advised concerning the Fair Employment Practice Committee that there were now weekly meetings and that Dr. McFARLAND of Wayne University was acting as Chairman and there was a possibility that McFARLAND might run for Congress. Mrs. BASS inquired if he had any information concerning a Dr. RUSH in Hamtramck.

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She said that it was her information that this person was very stupid and they were trying frantically to get a good man from that district. NIER indicated that he was very anxious that RUDOLPH TWENOGICZ be defeated in the forthcoming election.

April 15 BRIDGETT POULSON in a conversation had with GEORGE PARINSKY, leader of the Detroit Committee planning the program for the American Slav Congress, expressed her willingness to provide him with a mailing list of the youth groups and gave him assurance she would give him the list that she had and would contact DONALD THURBER of the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Council to obtain the list of that organization. PARINSKY announced his intention to contact her again and go over the whole situation of the Congress with her.

JACK MASKIN in a conversation with a person who identified himself as BORING advised BORING that there was not to be a meeting on the night of May 2nd but there would be a very important May Day meeting held on May 3rd by the Communist Party, probably at the Wilson Theatre. BORING indicated that he was planning a panel forum for an unidentified meeting and asked MASKIN if he could suggest a Rabbi or Jewish leader who would speak on the topic "Appeasement or Fifth Column Activities." MASKIN advised BORING that he did not know of such a person and said that BORING could not get a Rabbi because "those guys are boycotting you."

In a conversation had by BRIDGETT POULSON with a person who identified herself as EVELYN, Mrs. POULSON announced that she had contacted THURBER and was causing to be made up a youth list for use by the American Slav Congress. BRIDGETT commented concerning GEORGE PARINSKY, that he was very cooperative but that "they" should have a good person to deal with him, someone who was not a strong left winger. EVELYN announced that she had done nothing about the meeting on Sunday but she would begin preparations.

BRIDGETT POULSON, in a conversation with a person who identified herself as CLADYS, announced that the Russian War Relief Committee needed a group of people to collect money for the Russian War Relief at entrances to the cinema. She requested CLADYS to help in this work and then asked CLADYS to send a telegram to the Senate Labor and Education Committee in Washington voicing her opposition to the McKellar Bill which seeks to abolish the NYA and the CCC. Mrs. POULSON at this time advised CLADYS also that they were trying to get under way a campaign among the youth groups to send postcards to Washington calling for a second front, and she was currently trying to get money enough for two thousand cards to send. CLADYS promised her co-operation in all of the above programs.

April 16 In a conversation had by and between BRIDGETT and HARRIET POULSON, HARRIET advised that he had prepared a letter to be sent by HARRY PURDY, Secretary of the East Side UAW-CIO Education Committee, to various

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locale of the UAW-CIO urging that the unions take a position supporting the western front and opening of a second front in Europe to the end that "our boys" can shake hands with the Russians at Berlin. In this same letter the members of the Union were also urged to oppose the McKellar Bill and then HARPER advised BRIDGETT that he had written similar letters to be sent by "JOHNNY L." He commented that he had prepared resolutions to carry out these plans which should be adopted by the Unions.

April 17 In a conversation had by and between BRIDGETT POULSON and RICHARD T. LEONARD, Educational Director of the UAW-CIO Local Union 600, Mrs. POULSON announced that she was very pleased that COUGHLIN had been quieted and she was calling up organizations asking them to write the Attorney-General asking him to follow up with criminal prosecution.

Mrs. POULSON was very active contacting various persons, urging that communications be sent to the Attorney-General commending him on the action he had taken in the Sojourner Truth matter and in the COUGHLIN matter and asking that he follow the COUGHLIN matter further because COUGHLIN should be prosecuted.

April 18 In a conversation had by and between JACK RASKIN and Reverend CHARLES A. HILL, RASKIN commented that he would like to take a blast at Commissioner of Police FRANK D. KAZAN because his resignation indicated that he did not want the negroes to occupy the housing project, but he believed it would be best if they waited until a meeting was called. HILL advised that a meeting would be held on Sunday at the Central Methodist Church.

JACK RASKIN and THOMAS GOYMAN discussed the text of a letter to be sent by the Civil Rights Federation to the Attorney-General of the United States. The text which was finally approved set forth the approval of the Federation for the action taken by the Attorney General in connection with the magazine Social Justice and set forth reasons, stating that the magazine for years had spread poisonous doctrines of religious hatred and disunity. The letter in conclusion urged that criminal prosecution for sedition be taken against Reverend CHARLES A. COUGHLIN.

JACK RASKIN arranged with PAT TOOMEY to meet during the evening at the Wolverine Hotel.

HILTON KENNETH of Washington, D. C., Executive Secretary of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberty, contacted JACK RASKIN and a lengthy discussion was had concerning a proposed meeting "to smash the Fifth Column", and KENNETH suggested that the featured speaker be Congressman ELLIOTT inasmuch as he did a good job with the Dies Committee. RASKIN said that now was the time to get back at some of the organization that had been criticizing them in the past.

Very truly yours,

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John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

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May 26, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith photostatic
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These reports have been and are being obtained from a
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the source of the information or the possible identity of the
informant. The substance of this material should not be dis-
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You are instructed to give the contents of these
reports consideration and to conduct the appropriate investiga-
tion in those instances where you feel the reported material
or the reported material along with information already avail-
able to your office warrants the same.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 24, 1942.

Mr. E. A. Tamm,
Assistant to Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: REVEREND CHARLES E. COUGHLIN.

I note the Grand Jury will investigate the Social Justice Publishing Company.

The following was obtained from the files of Raymond Joseph Healey. It may be of some value in the inquiry.

Letter addressed to Healey:

My Dear Mr. Healey:

This is the first opportunity I have had to acknowledge receipt of your letter and the enclosure which accompanied it. The delay was caused by the vast amount of mail that has been awaiting my personal response.

Needless to say, I appreciate hearing from you and receiving your opinions and suppositions relative to the welfare of the nation. I also appreciate the opportunity to examine the circulars you enclosed.

Although time does not permit me to discuss the contents of your letter, at least I want to thank you for your interest and courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Charles E. Coughlin.

I finally got around to see Mr. Dilling, who suggested and paid my way to Royal Oak, Michigan to see the Reverend Father Charles E. Coughlin - founder of the Social Justice Magazine. Mr. Dilling, (consulting engineer) although a Mason and a Protestant is a 100% Coughlinite. Once in Royal Oak, I headed straight for the offices of the Social Justice Magazine - a young man with a misplaced eyebrow for a mustache eyed me suspiciously and wanted to know my mission. When I produced my membership card in the Gentile Workers Party and a copy of the Key and informed the young fellow that I desired to see Father Charles E. Coughlin, he questioned me as to whether or not I had an appointment. I had no appointment. To make a long story short I did not see Coughlin that day.

I decided to return to Chicago, but not until I spoke to Frank Traznek - alias Ben Marchin. I explained my mission to Frank and he took my Chicago Phone Number.

Upon arriving in Chicago, my family informed me that Reverend Charles E. Coughlin telephoned desiring to know if I had returned (this phone call was put through about 3 A.M.) Coughlin, or his assistant, left word that I was to return to Royal Oak immediately, which I did an hour after arriving in Chicago. When I got back to Detroit, I phoned Traznek-Marcin, who came to meet me and drove me back to his home. I stayed over-night in the Traznek home and in the morning Traznek-Marcin informed me that "Uncle Charley" was ready to see us. We drove over to the Shrine - Father Coughlin was at the wheel of his car outside of the garage of the rectory. The radio priest ordered us to get in. Traznek-Marcin sat near the door - I was in the middle of the two leading Fascists in the country. Coughlin drove his automobile over the country-side, firing question after question at me. "Who sent you here?" "Why?" "What do you want?" "Do you know Spencer? - Lindley? - Deatherage? etc." When finished with the cross-examination, we went back for beer - Coughlin changed his mind and ordered milk. Later during the day Traznek-Marcin and I went upstairs to his study. Coughlin paced up and down before me, running his fingers through his hair - shouting wildly about a recent radio speech directed against him by the Bishop of the Chicago Diocese. Traznek-Marcin excused himself, leaving Coughlin and myself alone. No sooner had Traznek left than Father Charles E. Coughlin asked me if I cared to work along with him as his Ohio State Superintendant, handling the Social Justice Magazine, at a salary of \$100.00 per week. I informed him that it was impossible for me to move from Chicago to Ohio at that time due to my wife's condition as an increase in family was expected.

I was not the only visitor that Coughlin received that day or the day previous, or the day following for Captain Howland Sherwood Spencer, Chairman of the Brain Trust of the Fifth Column, and George E. Deatherage, President of the American National Confederation and the Knights of the White Camellia sat on Father Coughlin's doorstep. Spencer was received, while Deatherage was turned away. For two days Deatherage parked his carcass before the Shrine, but for some reasons unknown to myself, Coughlin refused to see him.

Father Coughlin desired that I raise a mustache, wear glasses, clip my hair and change my name to Aloysius Clancy, for my reputation as the "American Hitler" certainly would not help the sale of the "Social Justice". Coughlin was a raging fanatic when he discussed the broadcast speech of the Right Reverend Bishop of the City of Chicago. Coughlin pulled no punches in his talk to me in the desire to get rid of this Bishop the under-world way. About half hour later Frank Traznek-Marcin returned. He gave me \$100.00.

In March I returned to Chicago, to prepare for the publication of the Key. It appeared first on June 15, as a publication of the Irish-American Patriots, but bore no publication address other than a post-office box number in the Merchandize Mart station. The last page of the June 15 issue carried an announcement of a meeting held on June 14 at Summer Hall on Lincoln Avenue, at which Coughlinite and Bund speakers participated. The purpose of the meeting, as stated in the Key, was to collect funds for Coughlin's Social Justice.

On Tuesday December 12, 1939 Chicago post No. 49 - Friends of Reverend Charles E. Coughlin called a protest defense mass meeting by leaflets that were distributed and which read as follows:

PROTEST DEFENSE
MASS MEETING
Tuesday December 12, 1939
at 8 P. M.

Link's Hall 3435 North Sheffield Avenue.

HELP FREE IMPRISONED PATRIOTS!

Five followers of Reverend Father Charles E. Coughlin
Jailed in Goldblatt frameup!

- 1 - Douglas Campbell.
- 2 - Fred Porkoney.
- 3 - Doctor H. H. Maerz.
- 4 - George Heppner.
- 5 - Joseph Schimpf of 1525 N. Claremont Avenue.

These men were savagely and Brutally beaten into signing a "Confession" that they destroyed Goldblatt's Department store Property.

Mr. Heppner suffered a broken ear drum and many body bruises.

STAND TOGETHER - Save these persecuted Christians from being railroaded - Stop the Frameup.

JEWS ARE PERSECUTING CHRISTIANS...

* STOP * LOOK * LISTEN *

Come and hear the following prominent speakers:

- 1 - Reverend Burton Hasting of Detroit, Michigan.
- 2 - Father Sullivan of New York.
- 3 - Thomas Gust of Albania.
- 4 - Frances Parker of the University of Virginia,
Noted International Law Authority.
- 5 - Raymond Healey of New York and Miami, Author,
Writer, Lecturer and Editor.

This meeting held under the auspices of the
FRIENDS OF REVEREND FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN
(Chicago Post No. 49.

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SMALL CHARGE WILL BE MADE TO COVER EXPENSES.

Very truly,

CHARLES.

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Inquiry to Proceed as Planned

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP).—A Justice Department official said today that Father Charles E. Coughlin's statement assuming responsibility for the policies of "Social Justice" would have "no effect whatsoever" on a proposed District of Columbia Grand Jury investigation of the publication.

"The grand jury is going to look into this matter," he said.

Although Attorney General Francis Biddle had no comment, the department official described Father Coughlin's statement, issued in Royal Oak, Mich., as "contradictory to ~~me~~ he made the other day."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RENDALL BERGE
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Father Charles Edward Coughlin

Information has been received from a highly confidential source that Bridgett Poulson of the Civil Rights Federation, Detroit, Michigan, an alleged Communist organization, in a recent conversation with Richard T. Leonard, Educational Director of the UAW-CIO Local Union 600, announced that she was very glad that Father Charles Edward Coughlin had been quieted. In this regard she was calling all organizations with the request that they write the Attorney General, asking him to follow up with criminal prosecution.

This same source stated that Mrs. Poulson was very active contacting various persons, urging communications be sent to the Attorney General commending him on the action he had taken in the Sojourner Truth matter and in the Father Coughlin matter, and asking that Father Coughlin be prosecuted.

It will be recalled that indictments were recently returned in Detroit, Michigan against Parker Sage and others because of their activities in preventing the occupancy of the Sojourner Truth Housing Project.

In conclusion, this source also advised that Jack Raskin, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Federation, had discussed the text of a letter to be sent by the Civil Rights Federation to the Attorney General of the United States, with Ernest Goodman. The text which was finally drafted set forth the approval of the Federation for the action taken by the Attorney General in connection with the Social Justice magazine and set forth reasons stating that the magazine for years had spread poisonous doctrines of religious hatred and disunity. The letter in closing urged that criminal prosecution for sedition be taken against Father Charles E. Coughlin.

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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

In view of the present Grand Jury proceedings, I thought it might be of interest to you to know the source of some of the complaints being received with reference to Father Coughlin and Social Justice magazine.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN, INTERNAL SECURITY - G. RETEL
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

Subject:

Myron S. Steinberg, who was formerly affiliated with the Morris Press, Inc., Detroit, Michigan, in company with Morris Steinberg, called recently at the Detroit Field Office of this Bureau and advised that his company had the contract to print "Social Justice" magazine from February, 1938 to February, 1939.

This contract was cancelled by Father Coughlin after a period of nine weeks, which action resulted in the Morris Press, Inc., going into bankruptcy. Suit was brought against Father Coughlin and was settled by the Trustee in Bankruptcy for \$12,500. Myron Steinberg further advised that during the life of the contract he was curious to know whether Father Coughlin would be able to pay the printing bill, which averaged between \$7,500 and \$7,800 per week.

In company with his brother, Morris Steinberg, he discussed this matter with Stanley Boynton of Aircasters, Incorporated, Detroit, since the latter at that time was more or less radio manager for Father Coughlin's programs. Boynton allegedly revealed in his conversations that in the summer of 1937, Father Coughlin had made a trip to England and that incognito he had left England and visited Europe. Boynton reportedly remarked that Father Coughlin went incognito to see the "big man of Germany" and indicated definitely in this conversation that the money for printing "Social Justice" magazine was perhaps coming from this source. Boynton also during this conversation allegedly remarked "You can draw your own conclusions."

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On the basis of the above information Stanley Boynton was interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau, at which time he denied making any statements relative to Father Coughlin's traveling incognito in Europe or making any contacts with German officials.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

For your full information, there is attached hereto a copy of the report of Special Agent Richard C. Gottier, dated May 27, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan, in the above-entitled matter.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN

CHARACTER OF CASE

**INTERNAL SECURITY - G;
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DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

STANLEY BOYNTON, Aircasters, Incorporated, denies making any statements relative to **Father COUGHLIN** traveling incognito in Europe and making any contact with German officials. **BOYNTON** has carried **COUGHLIN**'s contract for his broadcast programs since January 9, 1938, and states that he knows nothing concerning **Father COUGHLIN**'s financial or personal affairs and is not acquainted with **MYRON STEINBERG**, except for one or two business contacts with him.

*cc - Berge
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REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to Detroit dated May 14, 1942.

Report of Special Agent **ROBERT T. ROSS** dated April 30, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan.

DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan:

STANLEY BOYNTON, owner of Aircasters, Incorporated, 422 New Center Building, an agency set up to handle broadcasts on a network basis, was interviewed and advised that he has been dealing with **Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN** since June 9, 1938, at which time he engaged in a contract to place **Father COUGHLIN** on the radio from 4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. every Sunday afternoon for thirteen weeks on a network of between fifteen and twenty stations.

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Mr. BOYNTON advised that this was the beginning of his association which he has maintained to date and that he still holds Father COUGHLIN's contract in the event that he should again desire to go on the air, and is so permitted.

BOYNTON indicated that he has been expecting an Agent of the Government to call upon him, because of his association with Father COUGHLIN and that he wished to be of any service that he could, but although he had had a close association with Father COUGHLIN for a period of four years, he knew nothing concerning the personal, financial, or business affairs of Father COUGHLIN. During his talks with Father COUGHLIN, BOYNTON stated that he had attempted on many occasions to engage him in conversation, but Father COUGHLIN always evaded any questions and kept his conversation strictly on the business side and, as Mr. BOYNTON stated it, COUGHLIN only spoke concerning the number of stations, the time he was to broadcast, and how much money it was going to cost him.

BOYNTON advised that writer that in 1939 Father COUGHLIN asked him his opinion of the "Social Justice" magazine and, as BOYNTON was a former newspaper man, he told Father COUGHLIN that he thought his magazine, in the terms of the trade, was a "mere rag" and that it would increase his circulation and prestige if the magazine were to be dressed up somewhat in order to have a greater appeal to its clientele. At this time BOYNTON was shown the circulation figures of the "Social Justice," which were purportedly 400,000 and, in reality, had dropped to a mere 40,000 and on the basis of these figures BOYNTON reset Father COUGHLIN's "Social Justice" and made the copy for the new magazine using a higher gloss paper and raising the price to ten cents. This job took BOYNTON approximately two months, for which he was paid one hundred dollars per week by Father COUGHLIN. When this new draft of the magazine was to be published the contract was bid for by Cuneo Press and by MORRIS STEINBERG, the latter receiving the contract and eventually going bankrupt by printing "Social Justice."

BOYNTON stated that his contact with MORRIS STEINBERG was during the period that he was revamping the magazine and that, as far as MYRON STEINBERG was concerned, he knew that he was the partner of MORRIS STEINBERG but he believed that the only time he ever met him was when the contract for the printing of "Social Justice" was being bid on by the STEINBERGS and The Cuneo Press.

BOYNTON denied ever having made any statements, either to MORRIS STEINBERG or to MYRON STEINBERG, concerning the fact that Father COUGHLIN had allegedly traveled incognito to Europe and visited an official of the German Government, or stating that he thought the "Social Justice" was being subsidized by any official of the German Government. BOYNTON advised that the only knowledge he had that Father COUGHLIN had ever traveled was when COUGHLIN took a vacation at the expiration of his thirteen-week contract in 1938, at which time BOYNTON understood he went to Scotland and returned directly to the United States.

(Detroit File 100-4716)

BOYNTON was unable to furnish the exact contracts with Father COUGHLIN at this contact with him, as they were presently in the vault of the Wabeek State Bank, but from his records in the office, he stated that his first contract started January 9, 1938, and ran until April 3, 1938, and consisted of a network of approximately fifteen to twenty stations. He again put Father COUGHLIN on the radio on October 20, 1938, over a network of forty-four stations and this contract ran continuously for the latter part of 1938, fifty-two weeks in 1939, and up until May of 1940, when Father COUGHLIN was barred from the radio, the network on this contract running up as high as sixty-six stations, the last broadcast being on May 12, 1940.

BOYNTON advised that all during this period he continually had difficulty with Father COUGHLIN due to his political views and his insistence on saying certain things over the radio which the Federal Communications Commission definitely prohibited and that Father COUGHLIN and he had several near arguments concerning the censorship of his radio script during this pertinent period.

STANLEY BOYNTON stated that he would gladly cooperate with the United States Government and would furnish any information in his possession and, if necessary, would procure the contracts from the vault of the Wabeek State Bank, upon request.

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Personal Attention

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated May 19, 1942, in
the above-captioned matter.

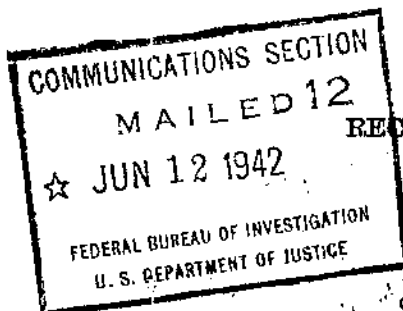
A review of the Bureau file does not reflect the coverage
of the requested interview with Joe Kleinfeld of the Non-Sectarian
Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, 165 West 46th Street,
New York City.

In view of the interest of the Department in this matter,
it is my desire that immediate coverage be given to this interview.

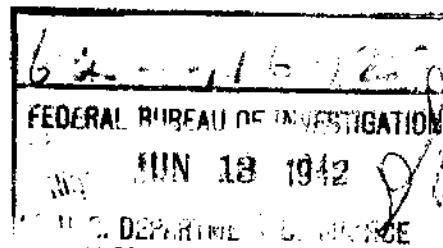
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Information has just been received by the Department concerning activities of Reverend Charles E. Coughlin in sponsoring high school courses emphasizing Latin American relations and in corresponding with members of Latin American Embassies in order to promote this idea.

It would be appreciated if the Bureau would furnish this Department with a report on the activities of Reverend Coughlin in this matter as soon as possible.

Copies of information now in the files of the Department on this matter are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
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Assistant Secretary

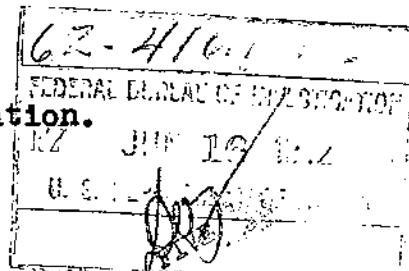
Enclosures:

1. Article from the Detroit Times, dated May 26, 1942.
2. Letter from Reverend Coughlin, dated June 5, 1942.

The Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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DETROIT TIMES, MAY 26, 1942

Headline: "FATHER COUGHLIN TO OFFER HIGH SCHOOL
FOR BOYS"

"Royal Oak, Mich., May 26th: The school will train boys for post-war service. Spanish will be a compulsory subject and the history, geography, constitutions, agriculture and industries of South America will be emphasized to promote closer relations with the Spanish-American republics.

Because priorities now make a new school building impossible, the boys classes will meet in rooms at the Shrine of the Little Flower School, with laboratory and library facilities available at the Academy for Girls at Woodward Avenue and Thirteen Mile Road."

(Not complete article)

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REV. CHAS. E. COUGHLIN

June 5, 1942

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Cordially yours,

CHAS. E. COUGHLIN

Paster of the Shrine and
Principal of the Little Flower
High School, Royal Oak, Mich.

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BERNARD THOMAS D'ARCY

There is set out hereinafter a resume of the information contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning the above-captioned individual.

The records of the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, reflect that Bernard Thomas D'Arcy (Serial #O-214494) was appointed Second Lieutenant, Engineers and Officers Reserve Corps of the Army on February 21, 1925. He had active services for one month in 1925 and approximately two months in 1926 at Fort Du Pont, Delaware. Later in 1926 he served as an instructor at the CMTU Training Camp, Fort Du Pont, Delaware. His last address as furnished in his military record was 3338 - 65th Street, Woodside, New York. D'Arcy was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Engineers and Officers Reserve Corps on May 1, 1929, and was reappointed in the same capacity on May 1, 1934, for a period of two weeks in 1935. He served in the capacity of Athletic Director at the CMTU Camp at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, and also saw active duty at Plattsburg, New York, for two weeks during 1937 and 1938. He was reappointed First Lieutenant in the same branch of the service on May 1, 1939, for a five-year period.

At the time he first made application for a commission, he indicated that he was born on January 18, 1904, at Malone, New York; his mother, Mary F. D'Arcy, 882 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York, was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and his father, now deceased, was born at Ennis, Ireland, and was naturalized April 16, 1894, at Sidney, Nebraska. He gave his occupation as clerk, and his education as a graduate of Plattsburg High School; De La Salle Institute, three years; New York University, one year; and Fordham University, one year, specializing in academic work and law courses. No disciplinary action by military authorities is reflected in this file.

Information was received from a confidential informant that on May 24, 1939, a meeting of the Christian Front was scheduled to take place at Carnegie Hall. However, they were refused permission and the meeting was held in the Great Northern Hotel. In this meeting the American Nationalists Party and the American Patriots, Incorporated, collaborated. Allen Zoll presided as chairman. The speakers were Major John E. Kelly; John J. McNaboe, former New York State Senator; Bernard D'Arcy, New York distributor for "Social Justice" magazine, and others. The nature of the meeting was not described by the informant.

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John Cassidy, a defendant in the trial of seventeen members of the Christian Front, for Seditious Conspiracy, addressed a meeting as a representative of the Christian Front in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 14, 1939, having been obtained as a speaker by David Scamell, "Social Justice" distributor in Philadelphia, through Bernard D'Arcy of New York City. This meeting was known as a "Coughlinite Anniversary Meeting."

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Under date of October 29, 1939, Abe Eisen, 45-36 39th Place, Long Island City, New York, addressed a communication to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in which he advised in part that Christian Front buttons were sold and distributed by Bernard D'Arcy, or his assistant, from 25 West 45th Street, Room 1906, through "Social Justice" salesman. He endeavored to draw an inference that there was a similarity between the emblem of the German-American Bund and the Christian Front buttons.

An anonymous communication, dated January 16, 1940, was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stating that Bernard D'Arcy, 25 West 43rd Street, New York City, was a so-called "lawyer" running an office where all the "Social Justice" distributors met. He allegedly does no other business and is described as a very sly, shrewd man.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation attended a "monster" mass meeting on February 4, 1940, at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, New York, at which meeting Bernard D'Arcy was chairman. He announced that the Parents Defense Fund Committee was sponsoring the meeting for the "seventeen boys presently incarcerated in the Federal detention headquarters." D'Arcy then introduced Margaret Cassidy as treasurer and Florence Bushnell as secretary. Attorney Leo J. Nealy spoke at this meeting and made a plea for contributions. Various announcements as to future activities were made by D'Arcy as chairman.

In February, 1940, Joseph Spagnola, 237 Walworth Street, Brooklyn, New York, called at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished certain information in his possession of interest in the investigation of the Christian Front. Among other things he stated that for many years he had worked as a chauffeur, salesman and magazine distributor for Bernard D'Arcy, 25 West 43rd Street, New York City. It was subsequently ascertained that D'Arcy was listed in the New York telephone directory at that address as an attorney.

On March 1, 1940, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation attended a mass meeting held by the Parents Defense Fund Committee at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, New York. This Committee was formed for the purpose of raising funds to defend those indicted for Seditious Conspiracy. An admission fee of 25¢ was charged and from three thousand to thirty-five hundred people were present. The defendants were introduced to those in attendance. Bernard D'Arcy, Chairman of the Parents Defense Fund Committee, began the meeting by introducing Miss Margaret Cassidy and Miss Florence Bushnell. Father Joseph Curran of St. Thomas Aquinas Church pronounced the invocation, after which Bernard D'Arcy introduced the principal speaker of the evening, namely, Reverend Lodge Curran, Pastor of St. Stevens Church. Reverend Curran directed his statements mainly at Communist and Nazi elements in the world today, quoted sections of the Bill of Rights dealing with free speech and the right to bear arms and made a demand that the Government arrest all Communists

since he contended they were plotting to overthrow the Government by revolution.

D'Arcy then introduced Father Edward Brophy, Pastor of the Precious Blood Church, Astoria, Long Island, New York, who defended the Christian aspect of the Christian Front. Various other speakers appeared before the group, and in closing D'Arcy announced that through the cooperation of a representative of Radio Station WRBY, there would be a broadcast on Sunday, March 3, 1940, concerning this meeting.

Reverend Walton S. Cole, Lutheran minister, 3316 Grimsby Place, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI during 1940, at which time he referred to the "Friends of Christian Social Justice," alleged followers of Father Coughlin, which group has secured information concerning his (Cole's) contemplated anti-Coughlin broadcast. He pointed out that the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter and Free American, official organ of the German-American Bund, in its issue of September 15, 1938, advertised a proposed rally at the Manhattan Opera House in New York City, against the un-American censorship of radio as exercised against Father Coughlin and others. This meeting was sponsored by the Committee of Defense of American's Constitutional Rights and Cole had received information through the Anti-Defamation League that the latter had reason to believe that Father Edward Lodge Curran, Merwin K. Hart, John F. Cass and Bernard D'Arcy, all prominent Catholics, were active members of this Committee, which the Anti-Defamation League also believes is the same as the Friends of Christian Social Justice. No foundation, however, was submitted for these contentions.

Under the heading "Committee for the Defense of American's Constitutional Rights," 11 Broadway, New York City, which group was stated to also be known as "Friends of Christian Social Justice," information was supplied by the Anti-Defamation League that these groups closely followed Father Coughlin's philosophies. Bernard D'Arcy was described as an officer. Others associated were Allen Zoll, Father Edward Lodge Curran, Merwin K. Hart and John Cassidy.

An article appeared in the January 27, 1941, issue of The Nation, entitled "The Christian Front and Martin Dies" by James Wechsler. This article, among many other matters, mentioned the fact that Merwin K. Hart was instrumental in instituting a mass meeting at the Seventh Regiment Armory in New York City, which was called "a pro-American" rally. Bernard D'Arcy, agent for "Social Justice" in New York City, was stated to be the major figure for the preparation of this meeting. It was further stated that on February 5, 1939, D'Arcy and John F. Cassidy were jointly advertised as speakers at a Christian Front mass meeting and on June 25, 1939, at another Christian Front meeting D'Arcy delivered a eulogy of Cassidy.

Under date of April 12, 1942, a confidential source advised that Bernard T. D'Arcy, Coughlin's Eastern representative for the distribution of "Social Justice," was just as guilty of sedition as Father Coughlin. It was further

stated that D'Arcy admittedly employs three field representatives to sell subscriptions and take care of other matters pertaining to distribution. Distribution is handled through borough heads or captains, who sell "Social Justice," and they in turn have subcellars. Every Catholic Church is supposedly covered in the distribution.

The PM Daily, dated May 12, 1942, carried an article entitled "Coughlin's N. Y. Agent Now Army Officer." Briefly, this article alleged that Bernard T. D'Arcy was Eastern distributor for "Social Justice" magazine and had been granted an active commission in the United States Army. He is further alleged to be a close confidant of leaders of the pro-Fascist, anti-Semitic Christian Front, and only recently reported for duty as a lieutenant with the Engineers' Procurement Division at 120 Wall Street.

Credit for the above so-called disclosure is given to the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, which apparently had lodged a protest with the Secretary of War concerning D'Arcy's commission.

It is then pointed out that he had been active in defense of the Christian Front, as well as in the distribution of "Social Justice" magazine. There was reproduced as a part of this article, a letter from D'Arcy to Edward James Saythe, in which the former expressed regrets that he would not be able to speak at a mass meeting on September 22, 1939. Saythe is described by PM Daily as a friend of Fritz Kuhn, convicted German-American Bund leader.

There is also set forth an exhibit indicating that D'Arcy was one of the speakers at a pro-Franco Victory Rally held on May 22, 1939, in Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, New York. Some time is then spent in dealing with the background of the other speakers, including Justice Herbert F. O'Brien, Major John Eoghan Kelley, John Cassidy and Patrick F. Scanlon.

The New York World Telegram under the same date carried a short article concerning D'Arcy being commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Army. However, this article was not treated in the sensational manner as set forth in PM Daily.

Various other newspapers carried a short item concerning D'Arcy, apparently upon the basis of a release made by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

PM Daily, dated May 13, 1942, carried an article entitled "Do You Want Your Son to Serve Under an Officer Who Did This?" This article dealt with D'Arcy and his former position as distributor for "Social Justice" magazine.

PM Daily, dated May 19, 1942, carried an article entitled "Coughlin's D'Arcy Called by Federal Grand Jury," which reports that D'Arcy had been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D. C., on May 21, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLIN

Information has been received from the Department of State, Washington, D. C., that Father Charles Edward Coughlin, Pastor of the Shrine and Principal of the Little Flower High School, Royal Oak, Michigan, has recently been in correspondence with members of Latin-American Embassies as a part of the program of sponsoring high school courses emphasizing Latin-American relations. *u*

In this regard, I am attaching copies of a communication dated June 5, 1942, as well as copies of a portion of an article which appeared in the Detroit Times, dated May 26, 1942, and captioned "Father Coughlin to Offer High School for Boys," both of which were made available by the Department of State. *u*

As incident to the transmittal of the above material, a specific request was made by the State Department for an investigation of the activities of Father Coughlin in this matter as soon as possible. In view of the above request, your opinion as to what action, if any, is desired would be appreciated, since this case is presently pending in the Department as a result of Grand Jury hearings. *u*

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Samuel Klaus

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have been advised confidentially that the Treasury Department possesses a list of names of individuals who have contributed more than \$1,000.00 to Father Charles Edward Coughlin, Gerald L. K. Smith and others, for the years 1937, 1938 and 1939.

This same source states that Colonel Robert R. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune is reported to have contributed \$100,000.00 through six secretaries, and that many other prominent people are also listed as supporting the above individuals.

The above-mentioned list of financial contributors would be of vital interest to this Bureau in connection with matters coming within its jurisdiction as related to the national defense.

It will be appreciated if you could supply me with a copy of this list at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

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May 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

[redacted] confidentially advised me that Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., sent his father a list of names of individuals who have contributed more than \$1,000 to Father Coughlin, Gerald G. K. Smith, and others for the years 1937, 1938, 1939. Colonel McCormack of the Chicago Tribune is reported to have contributed \$100,000 through secretaries. On this list are such people as Mrs. Patterson of the Times-Herald, Harry Bennett of the Ford Motor Company, and others whose names he did not know. [redacted] told me the Treasury Department also has a copy of this list.

I pressed [redacted] for the source of his information and he finally confidentially told me that [redacted] had told him but that [redacted] was sworn to secrecy on the matter and

Respectfully,

[Signature]
L. B. Nichols

*Letter to the Sec. of the
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To: ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ Subject: FATHER CHARLES EDWARD COUGHLINMr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____ As of possible interest to you in instant _____, there is attached
Mr. Ladd one copy of a memorandum summarizing the material available concerning
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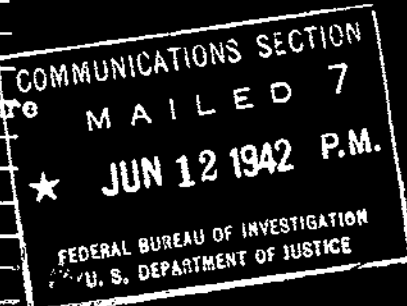
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MEMORANDUM to Mr. Kramer:

June 9, 1942

Pursuant to my telephone conversation of this afternoon with Mr. Flinn, I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter, which was obtained from a confidential source, written by Father Coughlin to the Chief of the Washington Mission of one of the Latin American Republics. I have omitted the name of the addressee; but have a photostat of the original in my possession. I believe you will find this letter interesting.

I am also told that the Detroit newspapers for May 26, 1942, carried a story to the effect that Father Coughlin was organizing a high school to train boys for post-war work, the curriculum to include Spanish as a compulsory subject.

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(signed) Chas. E. Coughlin

Pastor of the Shrine and
Principal of the Little Flower
High School, Royal Oak, Mich.

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Dear Sir:

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written dozens of letters
in under different
names
D. Biddle

Shelve the prosecution
of fascist Charles

Coughlin? Both Biddle

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Dies are as vicious
as the Nazi spies who
were caught except
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Yours truly
Helen Meaney

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F.B.I.
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir: -

How is it that
the case of fascist
Charlesoughlin was
dropped

A lot of us would
like to know the answer
& see boughlin put
behind bars (where he
belongs) with the rest of
the Hitler lovers.

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Yours truly,
Julia Pardo
N. Y. C.
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Gentlemen

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Why ~~the~~ was the
prosecution of fascist
Charles Coughlin dropped?
CHARLES O. COUGHLIN
Who are the higher ups
that Biddle is afraid of?

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We request Coughlin
be brought to trial for
he is guilty of plotting
against our government as
the Nazis who were

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recently seized.

Yours truly,
Alice Morton
Flushing
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ALICE MORTON

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Dear Admiral T. B. Wilkinson
Director, Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Wilkinson:

Attached hereto is a photostatic copy of the account of a special meeting of the National Maritime Union at the National Maritime Union headquarters in New York City on June 30, 1942, which was published on the front page of the Daily Worker for July 1, 1942. There is also attached a photostatic copy of a resolution adopted at this meeting of the National Maritime Union as set forth on page four of the Daily Worker for July 1, 1942. As will be noted, the resolution calls for the immediate execution of the Nazis who were recently apprehended after being landed by submarine in Florida and on Long Island. The resolution also demands that Martin Dies, Charles Coughlin, and others, be forced to register as agents of foreign governments. The resolution was to be sent to President Roosevelt, Attorney General Biddle, "all other agencies," and for the press.

Information has been received from a highly confidential and completely reliable source to the effect that John Rogan, New York Port agent of the National Maritime Union, who presented the resolution to the membership meeting, notified Al Lannon prior to the meeting that the meeting would be especially called, and likewise furnished Lannon with the agenda for the meeting. Al Lannon, as you know, is presently organizational secretary for the Communist Party in New York.

Information has been received that the individuals who took the most active part in the special meeting which adopted the resolution were, in addition to John Rogan, Mike Luchinski and Victor Campbell, alias Forty Fathoms. Rogan, Luchinski and Campbell are all reported to be members of the Communist Party. Luchinski has been acting as dispatcher for the deck and engine departments at the NMU hiring hall in New York City, although the item in the Daily Worker identifies him as dispatcher for the deck and steward departments. Campbell, alias Forty Fathoms, is a Canadian alien whose United States citizenship was canceled in 1939 because of fraud and perjury. Campbell writes for the National Maritime Union "Pilot", but is not on the pay roll of that newspaper. He has not been to sea for the past two years and his present source of income is unknown.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Kramer
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

I thought you might be interested in the indication that the Communist Party is informed of the programming of meetings of the National Maritime Union.

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Sincerely yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Edgar Hoover,
Director F.B.I.
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Dear Sir:-

Please note encl. clipping
about Father Coughlin.

Kindly have him investigated

Respectfully,

John Chamber

JOHN CHAMBER

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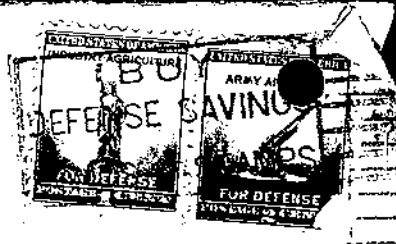
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WORLD ABROAD

Japanese Mass On Formosa

By The World Foreign Editor

CONCENTRATION of Japanese troops, released by the fall of the Philippines, on the Japanese island base of Formosa off the southeast China coast was revealed yesterday by reports from Chungking which also told of continued holding actions in the eastern and central China against the invader forces.

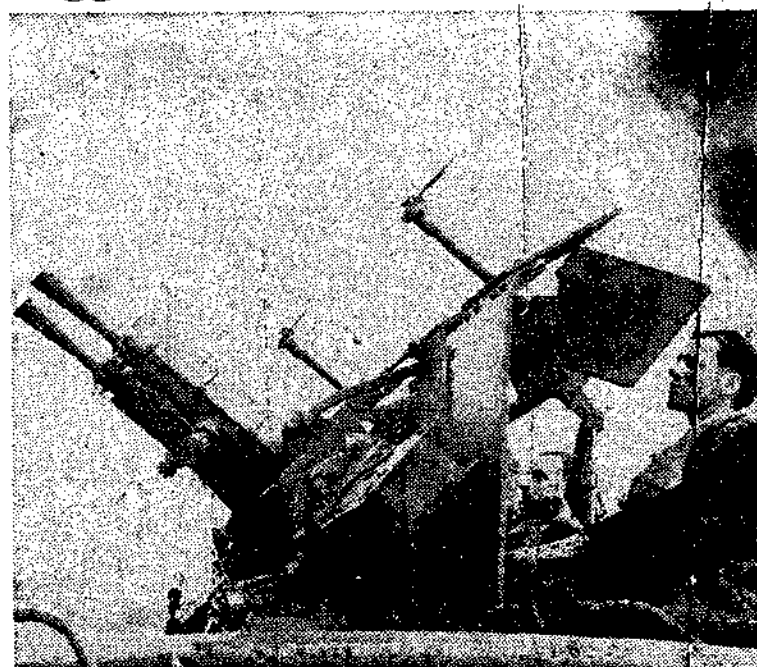
At the same time, it was revealed by one of General MacArthur's aide-de-camps who arrived in America, that Japanese occupation forces wiped out the Philippine town of Cebu in retaliation for continued guerrilla resistance.

TROOPS TRAINED

Formosa is directly along the Japanese communications line.

Air War British Again Raid Bremen

Bagged a Nazi Plane



MANNING the machinegun with which he brought down a Heinkel plane is E. W. Boakes, steward on the British trawler Northern Sky. Boakes dropped a trayful of dishes when he heard the plane and

A TIN CAN IS MARIA'S LIFE-BLOOD

Seamen's Arrival in Port New Transfusion of Food, E

By MIKE QUIN

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.

—This is the story of a tin can —of convoy seamen—of war, and a beautiful 13-year-old girl.

Right now the tin can is in the hiring hall of the National Maritime Union on the San Francisco waterfront, getting battered and dented. Seamen come rolling in from the convoys, ready to ease the tension of a dangerous voyage with a little vigorous relaxation, which nobody should begrudge them.

They were just paid off after months of absence in the war zone. Their pockets are jingling with pay. As they pass the can, they pause to drop a few coins. Maybe they'll pick up a greenback and shake the slit. Maybe they'll



MARIA REVAQUE MONTE

ing a new life. A majority, however, view the future in terms of "when we go back to Spain."

For, although Loyalist Spain was crushed, their hearts were not. They believe that the establishment of democracy in Europe after this war will bring the fall of fascism in Spain as elsewhere, and that they will return to build democracy anew.

Meanwhile, they have no money, and the problem of feeding and educating their children is a serious one.

SCHOOL IN EXILE

Many of the finest teachers and professors of democratic Spain are among the refugees. They have established the Luis Vives Institute on the outskirts of Mexico City, headed by Dr. Pedro Garronena, former dean of the University of Madrid.

This is really a school in exile—a democratic education system carry on, refusing to accept defeat.

Southern California Is Fascist Target

NEW YORK, June 30.—Piped from Berlin through Spain to Mexico and thence northward, a flood of Nazi propaganda today is pouring unchecked over the Southwestern states of this country with one main aim—rupture U.S.-Mexican relations, soften both countries for Axis conquest.

Carriers of this poison are agents of Mexico's Nazi-inspired, Coughlin-backed Sinarquista movement. In Mexico Sinarquismo has won the nickname of "Falange en Huarachas"—the Barefoot Falange.

Roughly, Sinarquismo is a Mexican counterpart of Charles Coughlin's Christian Front, but far bigger, rougher and more immediately menacing. Sinarquist propaganda—canned for export in the Ibero-American Institute in Berlin—is simple, crude and effective among the tens of thousands of Mexicans in the Southwest whose long-standing, justified grievances make easy sailing for trained agitators whose job is to crystalize discontent and promote disunity.

These agitators are now at work in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Indiana, Illinois and New York and their network of activities reaches into every city and small town that has a sizeable Mexican community.

MOVEMENT SPREADS

The movement has mushroomed alarmingly in the past three months, and recent issues of "El Sinarquista," its newspaper published in Mexico City, proudly report the advance of its Axis aims on U. S. soil.

"El Sinarquista" holds up Los Angeles, with its vast Mexican population, as a model of its disruptive work.

Following Pearl Harbor and the consequent closer friendly relations between U. S. and Mexico, Los Angeles Mexicans took an active part in war activities. They bought War Bonds, gave blood to the Red Cross, enlisted in great numbers in the U. S. Army, were active in Civilian Defense organizations, helped promote good will and unity.

ALARMING TREND

Along about March this year these activities were abruptly checked, began to decline. Many Mexicans dropped out of Civilian Defense work, enlistments fell off, some Mexican trade unionists stopped paying dues, withdrew from union affairs. They weren't suddenly anti-U. S.; they were confused and misled.

The answer: Sinarquismo had gone to work.

Rumors flooded the Mexican community. They were so uniform that their common source was unmistakable. They played on fear and prejudice: the U. S. was getting ready to deport all Mexicans; unemployed Mexicans would be conscripted by the U. S. for forced labor in agricultural occupations; the U. S. was planning a witch-hunt against Mexican "subversives"; U. S. promotion of hemisphere solidarity was only a trick of Yankee imperialism to gobble up Mexico.

In leaflets and mass meetings Sinarquist agents, operating boldly and openly, told Mexicans they had no interest in this war that Japan would avenge Mexico for old U. S. crimes.

Appealing to nationalist feelings, they demanded that Texas and Old California territory be returned to Mexico.

OPEN FASCIST PRESS

"La Opinion," the largest Spanish daily in the U. S. Southwest, long pro-Franco and anti-Cardenas, suddenly began to promote Sinarquist propaganda, featured Sinarquist attacks on trade unions.

"El Sinarquista," distributed in large numbers, boasted of Los Angeles: "This region pursues a model course. On March 4 three of our most inveterate fighters carried their fiery word to Los Angeles, a district in Los Angeles. On March 8 four of our comrades went to the town of Anaheim, near Los Angeles, to sow the seed of Sinarquismo." (Continued on page 4, column 2)

Social Justice

SEP 29 1941

Published by The Social Justice Publishing Co.

Founded 1936 by Father Coughlin

Advocates of Christian social justice in America, Christian Americans who once dreamed of a national union to effect a 16-point reform, and who have watched the progress of the Christian States headed by Salazar, De Valera, Gen. Franco and Mussolini, will want to hear further from Mexico's Sinarquists with their "16 principles" of social justice.

CHARLES E. COUGHLIN officially endorsed Mexico's Fascist Sinarquismo in the Sept. 29, 1941, issue of his seditious Social Justice. He compared Sinarquismo's "16 principles" with his own 16-point program. Coughlin's announcement of a school to train boys for service in South America coincided with Sinarquismo's big-scale propaganda drive in the United States.



CHARLES E. COUGHLIN

Estados Unidos

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES.—(En diez días, Felipe Navarro visita los centros Sinarquistas que funcionan en esta región que —no hace todavía cien años, formaba parte de la República Mexicana. Nos informa:) 21 de septiembre, junta de Jefes. Asisten: Pedro B. Villaseñor, Jefe Regional de Los Angeles; Porfirio Rivera, J. R. del Norte de California; los

TEXAS

MC. ALLEN.—A la reunión mensual concurren compañeros radicados en Edimburgo, Donna y Milla 8. Por enfermedad del Jefe Jesús María Dávila preside el acto José M. Ronce. La Colonización de Baja California ha despertado gran entusiasmo en todos los compañeros radicados fuera de México y ofrecen ayudar a la obra con todo lo que puedan.

"EL SINARQUISTA," official organ of the Mexican Fascist organization, boasts of the progress of its pro-Axis propaganda carried into the Southwestern U. S. by its agents.

MORE ON FASCISTS

(Continued from Page One)
among the people. They expect soon to reap a good harvest.

Similar reports were published from other California towns of San Bernardino, Fresno, Pittsburg, Antioch, Ekersfield, San Diego, La Verne, Oxnard, Watts, Ontario. Other glowing reports came from El Paso, Laredo, McAllen and Weslaco in Texas; Las Barrancas in New Mexico; Indiana Harbor in Indiana.

Here are names and addresses of Sinarquist leaders in this Axis drive in U. S. centers of production of aircraft, oil, steel, other U. S. centers of shipping, mining and agriculture:

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Los Angeles headquarters are in Townsend Hall, 820 South Hicks St. Public meetings are held there the first Sunday of every month. Los Angeles "Jefe" is P. V. Wilkosenor. He lives at 316 Angelus St. His telephone number is Angelus 2-0053.

Senora Pardo, who lives at 4149 Brooklyn Ave., is an active Los Angeles Sinarquista. She maintains an ice cream parlor and tamale parlor at that address. She refuses to become a citizen.

Other Los Angeles Sinarquistas: Xavier Uranga, editorial secretary of "La Opinion"; Juana Sorta, teacher at Mariana Grammar School; Senor Landell, delegate to a recent Sinarquist convention at Morelia, Mexico; David Jimenez; Pedro Corral, Jesus Sandoval, Glendale; Carlos Muran, an organizer, formerly employed at the Sano Pharmacy, corner of First and Main streets; Augustin Valdurama, 1809 Logan Ave., agent for Sinarquist literature.

In San Diego the "Jefe" is Jose Gomez, Sinarquist headquarters there are in the Mexican grocery store, La Central. Other San Diego Sinarquistas are Josefa del Rio, janitress in the local Mexican Catholic Church, and Francisco Cervantes, whose entire family is employed by Bishop Buddy in San Ysidro.

EXILED TERRORISTS

Active organizer for the entire Southern California region is Jesus M. Jimenez, exiled from Mexico by the Cardenas government for activities with the terrorist Fascist Gold Shirts.

Recently returned to California after two months training in Mexico is Antonia B. Martinez. He lives in Antioch.

In Laredo, Texas, the local chief is Juan Villaraal, treasurer is Juan Lopez, who makes regular tours for the organization. At 1613 St. George St. lives Jesus Alvarez, who claims he maintains correspondence with headquarters in Mexico. He is said to keep records at that address.

Texas regional headquarters are at McAllen, where lives big chief Jesus Maria Davilla, a candy distributor who makes frequent business trips through the region. McAllen's main hall is used for Sinarquist meetings, and local priests and Knights of Columbus have feted visiting Sinarquist leaders from Mexico. The local Liga de Proteccion Mexicana, a benefit society, is one of the channels for Sinarquist propaganda.

Jesus Segura is the Sinarquist leader in Weslaco, Texas.

EXTENDS TO NEW YORK

This big network is getting bigger, extends already to New York City where secret meetings are held regularly along the waterfront and in Harlem, and where the Sinarquistas have their links and connections with certain agents of the Spanish Fascist millionaire, Juan March, the Spanish Consulate, the Casa Espana, the Club Fernando e Isabel, the Spanish Library of Information and the Falange secret service.

Fitting neatly into this pattern of Nazi intrigue and disruption—far too neatly to be mere coincidence—is the announcement two weeks ago that seditious Charles E. Coughlin will ~~form~~ ^{join} a high school "to train boys for post-war service, particularly in regard to this country's close relationship to South America."

ENTER COUGHLIN

Coughlin's interest in this relationship is no sudden whim. He has been publicly for the "Franco way" since 1938, long ago embraced the Axis concept of Hispanidad, the Hitler plan for colonizing Latin America for the Axis.

As recently as September, 1941, Coughlin bestowed his official blessings on Sinarquismo, told his readers through since-banned Social Justice that his own 16-point program was virtually identical with Sinarquismo's "16 principles of social justice."

"Advocates of Christian social justice in America," he wrote then, "Christian Americans who once dreamed of a national union to effect a 16-point reform, and who have watched the progress of the Christian states headed by Salazar, DeValera, General Franco and Mussolini, will want to hear further from Mexico's Sinarquists."

Coughlinism and Sinarquism touch at many points.

Coughlin in March, this year, de-

scribed as "libelous" a charge by Archibald MacLeish that the Japanese Embassy in Madrid, Spain, is a headquarters for propaganda to create disunion in the Western Hemisphere and in the U. S.

COUGHLIN GLOATS

In February this year Coughlin gloated over what he called the "fiction of hemisphere solidarity."

In October, 1941, Coughlin defended Panama's pro-Axis president Armulto Aria, denounced what he called "Mr. Roosevelt's Fifth Column in Panama."

In November, 1938, Coughlin said "a South American invasion is a myth."

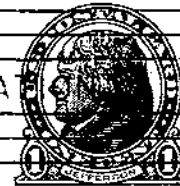
In August, 1941, he protested the blacklisting of 1,800 Axis firms in Mexico by the "Bolsheviks in Washington." "We can look forward," he wrote, "to revolutions in South America resulting from this economic strangulation motivated by the inter-American bank and the United States government."

On all these points Coughlin and Sinarquismo see eye to eye.

Behind this whole mess, sitting in the driver's seat, is Adolf Hitler. Coughlin endorses Sinarquismo; Sinarquismo is dominated by the Spanish Falange; the Falange is owned by the Nazis.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI
Dept. of Justice
Washington
D.C.

Himself

Edgar

45 West 47

All the time you were talking about the Nazi rats on the
March of Time I was wondering why you dont do something
about the christian front rat of Royal Oak who has been
ratting on AMERICA, ratting on DEMOCRACY, for Hitler, for
Franco & for Pacelli years on end under the benevolent
inaction of the FBI! Even now that this rat is in cust-
ody, the benevolent inaction seems like a special dispens-
ation! Will you tell me what sense there is in round-
ing up Hitler's rats and letting the Franco-Pacelli rats
have the run of the country!! The religioneering racket
of the holy hoax with its catholic front & clerical fas-
cism has demonstrated its affinity to the big lie of
Hitler, & we are veritable boobs in Boobania if we cant
smell the rat in the Vatican as well as the rat in Ber-
lin! The body odor of these clerical rats is a stench
that all the holy water, all the incense in the world
never wash out! When does Coughlin get his!!!

Horace Casselberry

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Gentlemen: — Charles Coughlin

As a citizen of the
U. S., I urge you to
call on Atty. Gen. Biddle
to prosecute the fascist
Charles Coughlin who is a
5" columnist & a menace
to our democracy.

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Yours truly,
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